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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

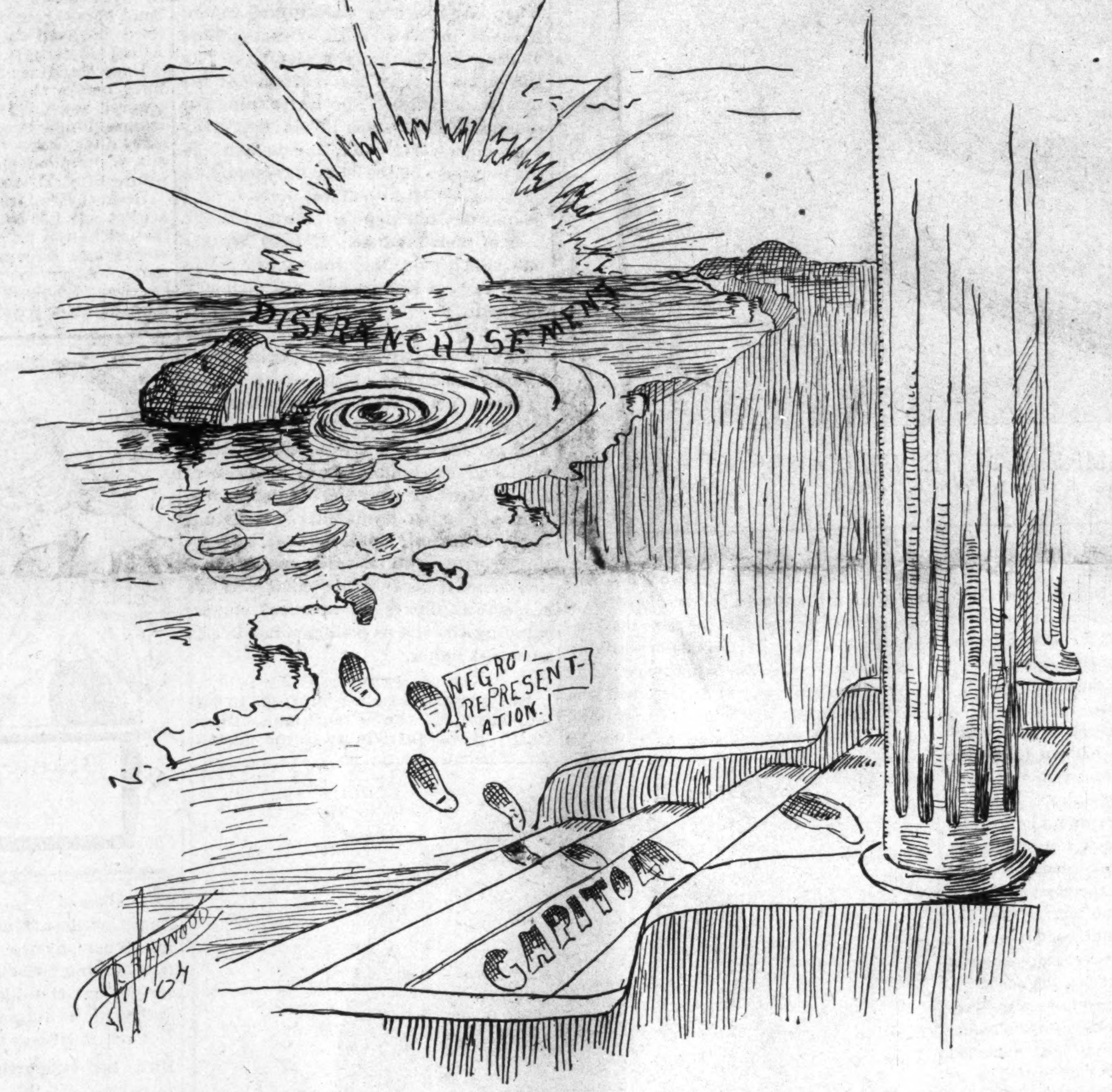
Side-Lights Upon the Noble Work of Dr. W. P. Thirkield—Ambassador of Public Opinion—Illuminating Figures—Justice to Mrs. Henderson.

(Staff Correspondence.)

An eminent gentleman of the other race who is doing yeoman service for the uplift of the Negro and who is not receiving the credit that he deserves at the hands of our people or our newspapers is Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our own Dr. M. C. B. Mason is engaged in a similar work and doing it well and with its beneficent results we are quite familiar as he goes in and out among us day by day. Dr. Thiskield's field of operation, however, is primarily among the whites and few of us hear his stirring appeals in behalf of education and Christian training for the poor whites and poor blacks of the southland. He lays especial stress upon the needs of the Negroes for they are more numerous and have more meager opportunities for maintaining themselves in the struggle for existence. He presents our case to all the conferences of the great church of Wesley and among his hearers are thousands of the purest, wealthiest and most influential men and women of the country. He does not "bite his tongue" in discussing the momentous race problem, but with an eloquence that is touching and a sincerity that is sublime he places the responsibility of our being here upon the white man's greed, and points out with direct and convincing logic that after enjoying the fruits of our unrequited labor for more than two and a half centuries they owe it to us to pay the debt in the form of a mental emancipation and a Christian regeneration. He analyzes the tendencies of the Negro race toward a constant and rapid increase in numbers and shows the direful consequences that will fall upon the land if the rate of illiteracy is not reduced. The blacks are here to stay and many are making phenominal progress, but, as he says, the only hope of the masses is through Christian teachers and helpers supplied by those best able to develop and support them. The Negro will not be segregated or exported or exterminated and Dr. Thirkield agrees with Booker Washington that if prompt and systematic steps are not taken to enlighten and elevate these people the question for the whites will eventually be not "what shall we do with the Negro?" but "what will the Negro do with us?" The Negro must be lifted up or he will drag the white man down.

It is indeed inspiring to us to hear Dr. Thirkield talk. His plea for equality of opportunity" for the industrious, thrifty and ambitious Negro cannot be exceeded in force or earnestness by any black man in the country and no defense of the race's right to an equal claim in all that pertains to American citizenship has ever been more strongly fortified by facts and figures than as this brilliant Methodist leader presents it to the vast bodies of his churchman in all the states of the Union. He is fighting a battle that we have no available means of fighting for ourselves. He reaches a Caesar that is inaccessible to but a "corporal's guard" of our soldiery. Dr. Thirkield is indeed a "friend at court," and as our attorney in fact is carrying our case on appeal to the tribunal of last resort. He is an exponent of practical Christianity and a refreshing departure from the preacher of perfunctory pulpit platitudes that sound hollow to the ear and sicken the heart by their very emptiness.

To give an idea of the magnitude of the field in which Dr. Thirkield is laboring let us indulge in a few figures. The Freedmen's Aid and Southern education Society maintains twenty-five institutions for the education of colored people alone, in which are found 7,374 students, in charge of 414 teachers. The property is valued at $1,498,000. The most valuable single property is Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., estimated to be worth $350,000. Walden University, Nashville, Tenn., including the famous Meharry Medical College is estimated at $125,000 and Rush University, Holly Springs, Miss., is estimated to be worth a like amount. Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., where the talented Dr. J. W. E. Bowen holds forth is placed at $100-000. These schools are located amid a Negro population of nearly 8,000,000 souls. The society rightly contends that it is easier and better for the republic and Christ-like for the church to educate and lift up these people than to bear the shame of illiteracy with its consequent crime, immorality and destructive vices. The organization, year by year, is equipping and sending into this field trained teachers and giving to the young people the benefits of education as teachers, ministers, doctors and thorough instruction in industrial pursuits. Dr. Thirkield's work is a grand one and grandly he performs it. Whenever the opportunity presents itself the members of our race should turn out and her him tell the story of his struggles and triumphs of the Negro's gradual growth in spiritual grace and conquering power as only he can recite it. Dr. Thirkield is fighting a battle for us that we cannot fight for ourselves alone.



"Disfranchisements;" they tell the story; needless obstructions placed through prejudice and political greed. But time that hews down the granite shaft will be no less efficacious here, nor less efficacious in building up the disfranchised to an unquestionable plane. Dis ranchisements are abominations as they are known; they can not endure; must give away before the united artillery of a nation's unerring conscience. Truth, right and light need no advocates—they are of the ages.

J. Frank Armstrong has been designated by Emmett J. Scott as associate editor of the scholarly Tuskegee Student. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Cornell University, Iowa, and during his nearly five years of service at Tuskegee has shown such a high order of ability as to win the entire confidence of Principal Washington and of Mr. Scott whose immediate assistant he has been during a large portion of his time. Mr. Armstrong's steady advancement is a demonstration of the wisdom of learning "to labor and to wait."

A wild-eyed rumor has gained circulation around Washington that the Rev. Jay Albert Johnson, now stationed at Baltimore, has concluded to shelve his aspirations for bishopric honors in the A. M. E. Church until further notice at least and make a try for the presidency of Wilberforce University. There are said to be antagonisms quiet but intense in certain influential circles that the erstwhile Britisher finds it difficult to reconcile. These forces were powerful enough to prevent his return to the pulpit of Metropolitan Church three years ago and they would have kept him from getting as much as a "look in" at the Chicago conference last May had there been an episcopal election. The story has it that a definite effort will be made to push the very able and popular Dr. Joshua Jones for the bench in 1908, and as his success would leave a vacancy in the headship of Methodism's "crack" institution of learning it is said that those who refuse to accept the Rev. Jay Albert as a bishopric quantity are willing to allow him a clear field for Dr. Jones' place. This is regarded by many as a happy solution of a problem that has been vexing more than one of the bishops, and if the Baltimore man can be brought to see that it is the best he can hope to do his thirst for office and power may be thus quenched for a while. We give the rumor as we get it and those in interest can take it for what it is worth.

Inadvertently those who were charged with the duty of reporting the proceedings of the National Negro Business League at Indianapolis failed to give proper credit to Mrs. Lillian Henderson for her splendid work in connection with the practical and illuminating exhibits in Tomlinson hall which were a highly attractive feature of the convention. There was so much to be said that it is not surprising that many important items were overlooked. The gathering and placing of these products of Negro brain and manual skill represented a large expenditure of time and strength and called for no small degree of artistic taste and knowledge of the eternal fitness of things. The showing was the finest the League has seen since its formation and President Washington and the delegate body felt personally indebted to Mrs. Henderson for her painstaking and most efficient services in arranging it. Mrs. Henderson is one of the Hoosier capital's earnest workers in her charitable, fraternal, religious, industrial and social life and her influence is felt helpfully in every progressive endeavor of the race. In this noble labor of love her husband, Mr. A. H. Henderson, is no less a factor and to their sympathetic co operation a goodly share of the enviable reputation of Indianapolis for open handed hospitality is due.

George D. Jenifer and John M. Langston, until lately instructors in the academic department at Tuskegee have secured positions as teachers in the high schools of their respective home cities, Baltimore and St. Louis. This signal recognition of these two bright young men is a direct result of the exemplary record made by them under the systematic training and sturdy discipline of Tuskegee which has ripened and matured the much good raw material in them and afforded a quality of experience that could not have found lucrative employment in the schools for the higher education throughout the country are better teachers for having spent a season of foundation building at Tuskegee.

SHARPS AND FLATS.

The vote buyer and the vote seller should both be exterminated.

The bad Negro is not wanted. He must be sent back to the tobacco patch.

That banquet to Booker T. Washington Monday night in Cambridge (Boston) was a "hummer"

It would help some if we put more business into our politics and less politics into our business.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, of Merrimac and kissing fame, discreetly avoids meeting one Secretary Emmett J. Scott for reasons best known to himself.

General Corbin is too busy meddling with the love affairs of the army to bother with his favorite pastime of opposing the commissioning of Negro officers.

The world has no patience with the nation, section, race or individual who eternally nurses a grievance and vexes the ear of the busy with a perpetual whine.

In addition to other sins the state of Alabama has to shoulder the responsibility for Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson and his inordinate greed to be a great man.

The race question is still keeping Henry Watterson awake of nights. The Colonel's mint beds and Bourbon cellar are being worked over time as a consequence.

With the Negro building cities of his own, doing business in Wall street, attending bankers' conventions, sitting on Boards of Trade and recorded in Bradstreets—we are doing pretty well, thank you.

The less real greatness an individual has the more fearful he is that some one is attempting to poach upon his imaginary preserves. The truly eminent man, conscious of his power, has glory to give away.

Evidently Judge Parker doesn't feel as alarmed over the race issue as do Henry Watterson, Clark Howell, Richmond Pearson Hobson and other yelpers from the southern kennel. He refused to "paramount" it even a little bit in his letter of acceptance. Parker as the candidate of the South is a sorry misfit anyway.

Tuskegee has received a student from the infant republic of Panama and another from British Honduras. The "foreign colony" also includes representatives from South Africa, Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica, Bahama, Barbadoes and Trinidad.

To avoid exhibiting their lack of ideas on the great questions of the day southern fire eaters of the John Sharp Williams, Joe Bailey and Clark Howell type disgust northern audiences of their own party with senseless harangues upon the so called "race problem."

The so called newspaper which appears about campaign times and then sleeps until another campaign is without influence and is worth nothing as an "organ." Party managers should give these fly-by-night sheets and their fake editors the widest kind of a berth. Deal with the established race journal.

General Corbin has "rubbered" into the private business of the officers of the army to the extent of saying that the army is over married and that they should obtain the consent of the war department before venturing into matrimony. This two in face of the fact that he has just taken unto himself a wife with no one's consent except the lady in question. General Corbin should attend to his knitting.

R. W. THOMPSON.

Walks and Talks.

Can it be possible that we are to have a revival of the Booker T. Washington controversy? The distinguished head of Tuskegee College dined recently with an assorted lot of bishops, barons and savants at Stockbridge. The odds are that Mr. Washington was the most interesting man at the gathering. The Lotos Club of New York, which doesn't take advice from anybody about its guests, has entertained Booker Washington several times and on every occasion he has made a hit. I remember that he was present at the last Irving dinner and made the best speech of the night. I have seen him follow speakers like Depew and Porter, like Tom Reed and Wayne McVeagh but never did he finish their inferior. Washington has a fine presence. As was said of dear old Benjamin Brewster, whose face was a mass of scars, the listener doesn't care whether Booker T. has a white or black face. He is an intensely interesting man socially. He has traveled, knows what he has seen and why he saw it. He is a courageous, manly man and the country needs more like him—no matter what the color of their skins.—JULIUS CHAMBERS in Brooklyn Eagle.

COLUMBIA NOTES.

Columbia, Tenn., Special.—Columbia citizens were at their post of duty last Friday to help beautify their cemetery. The call was made by Dr T. W. Stephen of this city. A large number of men responded and offered their services freely to help clean off the graves that were uncared for. The ladies came with baskets and at dinner time a delightful dinner was served.—Luther Miller returned last week from Chicago and left Monday for Nashville where he will attend Roger Williams University.—A Baptist foot washing was held at the White Spring Baptist Church last Sunday.—The Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church baptized last Sunday.—A revival is being conducted at the First Baptist Church.—Last Sunday was quarterly conference at St. Paul A. M. E. Church. Dr. J. A. Davis preached an excellent sermon at night.—George White, a prominent young man of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city last week.—Rev C. A. Ward and Lawrence Washington are attending Roger Williams University at Nashville.—Claude Merrill has returned from New Decatur, Ala.

QUEEEN OF THE JUNGLES.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

"Queen of the Jungles" a new aggregation which has just taken the road under the management of Jos. L. Weber and H D. Collins, billed as a musical comedy and serving to introduce Mme. Mamie Flower, the "Bronze Melba," as a star, appeared at the Newberg, N. Y. Opera house, Saturday evening, August 13. The comedy is said to have been written by Bob A. Kelly, principal comedian of the company and J. Ed Green of the Smart Set company, and to these two men must fall a very important amount of criticisim, of potent value to all.

Whether Negro comedy performers take any stock in The Freeman critics estimation of their productions or not, is of no concern to the writer who is teaching the young actors of the next generation what all the present actors, by this time, should know.

"Queen of the Jungles" is a good company very badly and incorrectly put together. In its present shape it is neither one thing or the other. It is not a combination company like the Black Patti Troubadours. The first act is a correct musical comedy presentation and starts off well until Bob Kelley, in response to an encore, gives a monologue instead of a song and renders the show illegitimate. The second act introduces Black Carl in a slight of hand performance, such as he gave in Williams and Walker's company years ago before their plays were given legitimately. Mr. Carl also plays a straight comedy part and is a valuable member of the cast. His slight of hand act, which belongs only to vaudeville and combination shows, should be cut out of the play entirely and only serves to consume time which Kelly and Green have failed to supply with dialogue and comedy situations. Mr. Carl would also be able to play the part entirely in citizens clothes without a full dress suit. After this disqualified act is over, the second dose of illegitimate features, the comedy is reduced to the rank of a vaudeville farce and the way is tediously made clear for the appearance of Mme. Flower. Her entrance is not the kind that should be made by a comedy star, it is rather an operatic entrance. Her entrance in an opera cloak, with attendants at the door, to an empty stage; her entrance should be made alone exclusively and without her opera cloak, which she correctly wears later in the play. If her entrance was made to a full stage reception chorus, then it would be well enough for her to come in with her opera cloak on and to be waited on by attendants. So much for the generation made wiser by ignorant stage producers.

The singing of James Towel from a box is another feature of the variety stage that should be cut out, if Mrs. Flower understands the difference between Isham's Octoroons of the past and an all legitimate comedy production and the standard necessary to maintain the latter. Mr. Towel should sing from the wings, and especially in an operatic scene in comedy.

Mme. Flower is not heavilly billed in the first degree but is a featured star such as Ernest Hogan was in the Smart Set.

She was lavishly attired in a white satin cut dialect, with train, and wore diamond ear rings and a diamond brooch in her hair. A large blue ribbon was also fastened to her right shoulder with a bunch of violets attached to the end which was brought into play in one part of her singing As a violinist, she occupies a very unique position among the few greatest singers of her race known to fame.

She is a woman of great physical proportion and her voice, a true gift of Nature, is more powerful than any of the other great singers' voices but her vocal training is sadly defficient. Her first number which was very difficult, shows that she has acquired a greater knowledge of vocal art than formerly, and her singing on this occasion was the best I have ever heard her do. For an encore she rendered Good Night Beloved, Good Night, with great vigor, but her vocal art failed to display the same arristic perfection as Black Patti did in this particular song, and her top notes failed in vibration beyond the limit of falsetto to greater proportions so perfectly mastered by Sissieretta Jones. Mme. Flower h[illegible] bid good-bye to the mezzo-soprano c[illegible] unfortunately, and in singing in the [illegible]y of a high soprano, forces her notes [illegible]o a degree that could not be sustained by a woman of less physical strength.

MRS. LOTTIE WILLIAMS,
Wife of Bert A. Williams.

Her articulation is Nature's marvelous development and a method of her own which she has mastered at the command of vigorous judgment. Her execution is made from head and throat tones of a somewhat imperiect sort.

The proper method of chest tone which would admit excellent chances for shakes and trills, a finished branch of art in etfl male voices, is thereby lost. But her voice, in power and sweetness alone, gives her a rank nearer to Black Patti than anyone else. Her entrance is made in comic opera order instead of the correct simple comedy style, but with no serious result.

She spoke her lines with good effect and made the best of what two very shallow minded men could make for the occasion. Mme. Flower must be careful; again I repeat, not to keep her back to the audience. It will be regretted by her best educated admirers, that she was not permitted by J. Ed Green a green comedy stage mechanic and botchworker playwright, and by Bob Kelly, a very stubborn man, to carry out the comedy perfections so generously published for her personal benefit in a recent issue of The Freeman. Bob Kelly made a good impression only in his legitimate work and his breach of propriety in no maintaining the standard of legitimate comedy is unpardonable for a man who served in the cast of the first legitimate Negro comedy of modern times. He also performed legitimately in the comedy portion of Black Patti Troubadours, so there is no excuse for him now.

He is no better to receive adverse criticism than Tom McIntosh was. He escaped in Hottest Coon In Dixie, but he will not escape now nor at any future time he may be seen in musical comedy by the present advocator of the "Legitimate Standard."

Allie Gillam in his intelligent and quite original tramp shared equal honors with Kelly.

Nellie King as Mrs Nagg played her part with much perfection of race art and deserves great credit.

James Marshall a contra-tenor with a light sweet voice sang, "My dew drop daisy" and played the part of a dude artisticaly.

Leona Marshall, two much dressed for the first scene and with strawberry cheeks, sang and danced well in a manner that some actresses have of trying to attract a little two much attention.

A comedy sketch by Mr. and Mrs. Sam King in the second act which was perfectly legitimate was well received, in a play where love scenes were short and scarce. The chorus was well drilled, thanks to J. Ed Green, their singing was up-to-date and the ensembles were all quite well grouped.

"Queen of the Jungles" could be made a very good comedy if the illigitimate features were all cut out and replaced by a new second act full of ginger and funny dialog. In this act the dancer who holds the stage alone, could perform in a reception room in front of the guest chorus that should also receive Mme. Flower. It may be also well to state that she is a comic opera star and as such she is handicapped in comedy and more so because mere men have reduced the play to a farce of vaudeville rank.

Musical comedy now seems to be a branch of art that colored actors know nothing of, it would be a nice thing if young actors like George Williams or Clarence Powell could be engaged to appear in modern comedy and submit to intelligent direction of critics or men who understand the requirements of the work.

The advent of Mme. Flower now shows us that the doors of comic opera have been opened and lo we have no operas. If we have had comedy we have not had six good ones and only one real comedy playwright.

Mme. Flower's individual success add one more to the list of stars who have no plays and no one properly qualified to stage them, we may say with but one or two exceptions. But with all the necessary criticism I have given out, I must say in justice to the comedy actors who have suffered many drawbacks in varoious ways unknown to the general public, that the majority of colored performers are striving to meet the demands of criticism in spite of the stubbornness of big star actors who could maintain legitimate comedy and won't. These men are few and on the verge of dethronement. Every season brings to us a change of conditions which will prove beneficial within the limit of five more years.

MRS. ADAE OVERTON-WALKER,
Wife of George W. Walker.

PENCILINGS.

By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

"BLACK PATTI" AND OTHER SINGERS.

It was my good fortune to have met the most noted singer of the race a few weeks ago while she was filling an engagement at the Park Theatre in this city. Sissiretta Jones, better known as Black Patti, styled so after the celebrated Adelina Patti is without doubt the most famous Negro singer; which fame is as much the result of management as it is owing to her merit. There are other singers, a few, who will outclass her in technique and finish, "scholarly" singers among whom are Mrs. Hackley, Madam Selika, Rachael Walker and Miss Margurite Scott but all of these fail in some of the qualities possessed by Black Patti which keep her like the original Patti was for so many years—the public's favorite.

Madam Selika, like Adelina Patti, is advanced in age, but in her earlier days was without doubt the first singer of the race and among the great singers of the world. Her voice received the highest culture under methodical treatment which had the singers career in view. She was operatic in tendency, sang in Italian and French as well as in English; and I think she knew German. Perhaps no Negro singer up until this time has been accorded the distinction that was her lot. She sang before royalty in Europe years ago. She knew intimately the Pattis, Adelina and Carlotta, and received their warmest praise.

Madam Hackley formerly of Denver Colorado, but now of Philadelphia is considered today the first singer of the race and one of the great singers of today. Opportunity does not allow Mrs. Hackley to shine as she is strictly a classical singer of superior education in her line. She would not be nearly so useful to managers as Black Patti who can shine in operatic parts an also shout a coon song just like Mary Irwin, white, if it became her duty. The public is not quite ready for the strictly "legit" so Mrs. Hackley will not find the laurels for her that rest o the brows of many less gifted and less cultivated.

Miss Rachel Walker, formerly of Kentucky, more recently of Cleveland, O., where she taught in a mixed school and sang leading soprano in a white church finally took to the stage and when last heard of was singing in roof gardens in New York, contemplating visiting Europe and threatening to join the white race in sheer defense of her musical abilities. The latter thing she must have done since it has been many days since we've had a line on her. In the language of the stage boys and girls of today—"Miss Walker write." The people of Indianapolis would like to hear of their favorite. If Miss Walker has passed over into the other race in order to "get by" no one will seriously complain.

I know very little of Margurite Scott. I heard her at one of the opera houses in this city but until informed better I thought she was a white woman. As a singer she struck me as one entittled to the class in which I have placed her. I am satisfied that the audience was ignorant of her nationality. Her singing was strictly professional and received with ovation. Her recalls were due to merit because her color was not suspected. She is an excellent singer, standing the test as a singer and not as a colored singer.

But to return to my mutton, in the language of the Frenchman, Black Patti. I was introduced to the madam by my friend of several years, John Rucker, the original "Alabama Blossom" and I might add the inimitable and only, the man born funny, funny anywhere. It was in the theatre, the people were gathering, the gallery gods were yelling for "up curtains," Rucker was "making up" his face a precaution which by the way was hardly necessary, but he stopped in the midst of the interesting performance and conducted me to the madam who was ready for the stage, looking as splendid and pompous as Madam Pompadour. But allow me to correct the impression that she was in any way haughty. She was most genial and pleasing, received me with the kindliest attention. But the madam was not to appear that afternoon, except in the opera selections. She was then waiting for the arrival of a carriage to take her to the doctor owing to an ill throat brought about by a slight attack of cold. Manager Voelckel showed his appreciation of the singer by the attention paid her in seeing to her physical wellfare. She said that singing twice a day was exacting; she cut out the olio for that afternoon and at night did not appear at all.

Black Patti was accompanied by Mrs. Bird her supporting lady and friend. In the conversation it was brought out that many people thought the madam was well along in years, something like 50 or 60. She plainly asked with her eyes "what think ye my pencil shover?" I evaded the question as too direct and told her in a burst of enthusiasm that she was a good looking woman. And what would she care about the doubtful thing age, if she were good looking? I told her so because it was the truth and because I knew she would like to hear it. And while I honestly thought her a woman of from 35 to 45 she appeared that afternoon from 28 to 35 I was afraid to give out a verdict since she may have hoped to have appeared from 20 to 30.

The madam seemed to be in her physical zenith, a comely looking brown woman of the robust order, but not stout. She is thoroughly feminine in her actions moving with the agility, ease and grace of a tiger. The comparison sounds bad but perhaps the tiger is the most graceful thing that struts the plains; the lion belongs to the family. On or off the stage she is regal, full of dignity and grace and which facts help to account for her continued and growing success. In short I may say she is a charming woman of fine physical proportionment

My notion of her singing may be gleaned by the contrasts in the foregoing. But I will say that in my judgment she is not the scholarly singer, but a warm, heartfelt singer; the trills, quips etc., are not her forte, although she sometimes essays that class. Her voice fits her for opera owing to quality but she must have sraignt parts to be eminently successful; she needs time to throw soul into music; rapid passages are generally too fleet for her; it takes the coldly classical to do that and that class is generally feelingless and hence not popular. When the two or three qualities are found in the same individual, soul, tuneful voice and "mechanical" ability then the great singer is achieved—such was Adelina Patti.

Speaking of the show as a whole Nolan & Voelckel have given the cleanest show of the kind up until this time and one which in many parts is simply great and with no bad features. I am not a stage critic but offer this: Let Crosby do clown's work in clown's clothes altogether; he is great there but looks entirely out of place doing stunts in a Prince Albert coat of the latest design. It did not go good with my nerves and I think the coolness manifested proved that there were others. Some of the other shows might take notice. People expect to see gentlemanly actions out of gentlemanly clothes. Anything else is positively shocking.

Greater New York Notes.—George Lederen, manager of the Southerners, after the engagement at the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, will cut off the colored performers, numbering 15 in all, not 50 as stated in Sunday's telegraph. Slater & Williams were at Keiths, Boston, last week and were a special feature. Johnson & Dean were honored with a reception abroad, in honor of "Dora Dean's" birthday. Marie Bolden is with the Southerners. Mrs. Etta Miner Clermont closed Saturday with the Southerners. Mr. Ernest Hogan, at the Orpheunm, Brooklyn, kept the house roaring. It was almost impossible for next act to go on. The New York Telegraph says: "Ernest Hogan, the unbleached American, is hard to equal in his line" The Britton's scored a big hit at the Hurtig & Seamon's music hall last week.

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Madame Moore, don't fail to have this printed: I only wish I could send my full name. My home, before calling on you, was a wreck; to-day, I am proud to say, is an earthly paradise. My husband hates the name of the woman that tried so hard to separate us.—V. H. Allen, Cincinnati, O.

Dear Madame: All men do not believe before they see, but now I do. I secured my old job, with a raise in my wages, since consulting you. I made sixty days' work there. Here is a present, a diamond ring.—J H. Pratt, Delaware City, Delaware.

Dearest Madame: I feel that I owe almost my life to you. We married at last, although he told me frankly seven weeks ago he would marry no one on earth. After keeping company with me over two years and was engaged ten months after writing to you and taken your advi[illegible] this country.—Mrs. E. C. D., Dallas, Texas.

My Dearest Friend, Madam Moore, may God bless you. I pray I shall praise you with all my heart, soul and strength. There is a mystery that surrounds you more than ordinary women. You are more to suffering than tongue can tell, and it takes God to bless and bestowe on you this wonderful power. My home is a love spot once more since writing to you, and seeing your advice. My husband and wayward son are now very devoted and lovely to me

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WAITERS' MANUAL.

HOW TO SERVE A BANQUET.

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Every headwaiter should know how to serve a banquet. To obtain all the knowledge needed in this line requires much study and practical experience. A banquet, of course, is served according to the bill-of-fare. As a general thing the course is arranged on the bill in rotation—everything in its proper place—consequently the bill may be used as a guide. The most important point to be considered in serving a banquet is to have each course served promptly and correctly.

It is absolutely necessary that the waiters be thoroughly trained so that each one will know just what to do and how to do it.

The mind, eyes, ears, hands and feet must be well trained for this special work. The headwaiter must begin drilling his men two or three days previous to the banquet; the bill must be read to them, and each told just how he will be expected to serve the courses. There should be a signal on such occasions that is understood between the head and sidewaiters so as not to cause a hitch—either the ringing of a small bell or simply a wave of the hand. I would recommend the latter as the bell sometimes annoys the guest. If the waiters are trained to serve by the wave of the hand the guests will not be disturbed and everything will move along like clock work, and the maneuvering of the waiters will be admired by the guests.

In giving the waiters their stations particular care should be exercised in placing a well drilled and trusted waiter at the head of each line of march. Should there be more than one at the signal each leader should start and should know where to join the main line, this to be continued until all the lines have consolidated, forming one grand line of march, when they pass immediately to the kitchen, get the next course and, when the word is given, return to the dining room. At a certain aisle each leader and his followers will fall out of the main line of march and go to their respective stations. They may or may not be instructed to set their trays down without a signal, but under no circumstances should they be allowed to begin serving before every waiter has reached his station and is ready to serve at which time the general signal should be given and every waiter begin serving his guest or guests at the same time

In marching in and out of the dining room each waiter should keep time with the others. After serving the guest see that every condiment that is necessary is on the table and then stand back at your station. No conversation or unnecessary signs are to be carried on between the waiters. When the guest has nearly finished the course each waiter must keep his eye on the headwaiter. At the proper time the signal is given to clear away the dishes, in which as little noise as possible is to be made As each waiter finishes his attention is immediately turned to the headwaiter to await his signal to take the trays and pass into the kitchen for the next course.

The above will be done after each course.

The headwaiter should pay special attention and see that the wines are served properly and at the right time.

The waiters serving the wine should be closely watched to see that they do not appropriate any of it as it is very embarrassing as well as damaging to have the proprietor or the banquet committee claim that the waiters appropriated some of the wine.

The menu cards may be prettily arranged by setting upon one end in a straight row or they may be laid flat on the table.

It depends entirely upon the bill as to how the banquet should be served.

Oysters, soup and fish are served before the layer plates are removed.

After all meats and salad courses have been served everything should be cleared from the table except the fruit, cake, sugar and the necessary silver to serve the next course.

Remove all bread, butter. olives, celery, almonds, etc., before serving dessert or pastry.

After serving coffee pass around the cigars, lower the windows from the top and then have waiters go immediately from the dining room, leaving two waiters, however, to look after the comfort of the guests, with careful instructions to move around quietly so as not to interrupt the speakers.

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BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Miss Bessie Lee, prima donna, soprano of Philadelphia, Pa., who is reported to have died in Europe, last June, from the effects of an operation, made her first professional reputation as a soloist in Nat Salisbury's production of "Black America," a company of three hundred colored performers, which enjoyed a prosperous run in New York and Philadelphia. After the company had disbanded she was engaged as a feature with John W. Isham's octoroon company No. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, Henry Jackson Norris, Sam Lucas and Billy Jackson were also members of the company. Miss Lee was not an educated singer. Her method of articulation was self acquired. Her voice was one of much purity and sweetness. But her rendition of classical music, such as "Robert, Idol of My Heart," her masterpiece, was not up to the capability of a trained artist. Her execution was slow and draggy and she never attempted the impossible efforts of trilling.

When the octoroon company ceased to exist Miss Lee went abroad to try her fortune. According to a statement from one of her friends she married a white man, and during her last tour she received a salary of one hundred dollars per week. Prior to her stellar triumphs Miss Lee was a Philadelphia church choir singer.

Her first professional work was done under the care and direction of W. I. Powell, a popular humorist and baritone singer. As the "Powell Quartette" they toured for several seasons, supporting Miss Flora Batson in the famous "Bergen" concerts.

Recent years of prosperity and other luxuries which follow, causing Miss Lee to grow quite stout, was more than her constitution could stand in her last illness after years of arduous labor upon the stage. She had returned to America to visit her home not so very long before her death.

Notes From P G Lowery's Musical Enterprise with the Fourpaugh & Sells Brothers' circus.—The company has received a severe shock by the sudden call of Messrs. Thomas and William May, they received a telegram Sunday that their mother was dying and left on the first train for Wichita, Kan. They have the deepest sympathy of the entire company; otherwise everything is moving along smoothly. All are well and send regards to all frends in and out of the profession. We had several pleasant callers while in Louisville, among the number were Dr. Morris and Prof. Tobe Brown also Mrs John W. Carson of Indianapolis was the guest of her husband, John Carson, our drummer. S. Jones was entertained royally by friends and relatives in Frankfort, Ky. G. W McDade called on his sons, George and Henry. Henry McDade send regards to A. R Huchens, Samuel Johnson and J. H. McCammon. The entire trio is still making a hit singing the latest songs, including "Blue Bells" Mrs Emma Thompson send regards to Mme Pattie and Company.

Clemo & Cassell the contortionist and prima donna report success on one week's stay in Wheeling, W. Va. Miss Cassell is singing "Ava Maria" from Calveria Rusticana. They go to Harrisburg, Pa., after leaving Wheeling. Regards to A. G Allen's minstrels

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Republican Candidates Fear Effect of Ticket Scratching.

Republican county candidates fear that the candicacy of George L Knox, colored, on an independent Republican ticket, will result in losses to them. Candidates for county office are on the same ticket as candidates for Congress, the latter being at the head. The Republicans fear that if scratching is done carelessness of the voter will in many cases invalidate the entire ticket. Knox says he is out for principle and cannot afford to get off, whatever the arguments offered. Knox's candidacy has stirred the colored population of Indianapolis. Colored voters, of which there are between 6 000 and 7,000, are taking sides, and the feeling is growing intense. —The Indianapolis News.

A New Opening For Colored People.

At the recent meeting of the Business Men's League one lesson was brought out that colored people should heed. That lesson is that industrial pursuits and not politics offers the best and surest means of advancement. Many persons would like to be in business but they lack the necessary capital

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WHY SHOULD MR. KNOX NOT RUN FOR CONGRESS?

Is there any law in Indiana that excludes particular races or classes from political honors or emoluments? Is there any statute, any custom, any common law that says a Negro may not offer himself as a candidate for the suffrage of the people? If he chooses to make his own canvass, pay his own expenses, get up his own petition for a place on the ballot, is there any offense in this, anything wrong, any injustice done to anybody? We think not. Yet from the hullaballoo raised in certain quarters, the "protesting" and "regretting" the resoluting and scurrying about mixed with hard words and bad language, one would suppose Mr. Knox had committed the unpardonable sin, the sin against light and knowledge the very offense against the Holy Ghost It seems that he has shattered the whole ten (political) commandments by announcing his intention to contest for the seat in congress from this district against the candidates of all other parties He is not running against any one man in particular. He is just as much against Harlan as Overstreet. He is for himself against the field. It is no unusual thing to have independent candidates for congress in other places. All through the South and some parts of the West it is a common thing, and often the independent is elected over all the regular party candidates. Independent candidates are good things occasionally. They teach the people freedom from partyism, practice them in the noble art of balloting, encourage the spirit of freedom and unprejudiced investigation, and altogether have a tendency to clarify the political atmosphere.

In the case of Mr. Knox's candidacy there are especial reasons. He desires to encourage his race to more independent action in politics on general principles. They have shown a tendency to herd too much together, to act subserviently to one set, to vote entirely too straight and too regular until they have lost influence over the men whom they elected to office. Mr. Overstreet has been elected four times to represent this district in congress. It is safe to say that but for the Negro vote he would have been defeated every time. Yet, no sooner does he get elected, than he forgets the bridge that carried him over. What has he done during his eight years in congress for the thousands of Negroes in this district whose fidelity made his election possible? We are not asking any special favors or privileges or recognition from him. Only fair and just treatment in proportion to our numbers and influence among his constituents. What measures of especial interest to our race has he championed in congress? He turned a deaf ear and the cold shoulder toward the Crumpacker bill, the most vital measure for the interest of the race introduced in congress since the civil war.

Mr. Overstreet has not only proposed no legislation himself, but has not seemed inclined to support measures brought forward by others So far as the Negro population of Marion county is concerned it could have fared no worse if the district had been represented by a Populist, Prohibitionist, Socialist or Democrat. Mr. Overstreet has been a negative quantity. He only comes to his district once in a while, stays but a short time and then hies himself off to distant points. He recently made a fly-by-night trip and dropped off between trains to preside over the Beveridge meeting But he caught the first limited out of town and got back to New York as soon as possible. He announced his intention to return October 25th and devote the last two weeks of the campaign to getting acquainted with the people of his district. Really is it not time for a change and for giving this overworked gentleman a rest?

INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

It has always been thrown up to the Negro as a reproach by white men that he was not loyal to his own race. Let a Negro rise above the dead level of mediocrity and immediately he is set upon by the envious, hampered in his ambitions, obstructed in his efforts and otherwise discouraged from attempting notable achievement of any kind. This is especially true in politics. The Negro who honorably aspires to elective office finds his chief discouragement among the men and women of his own race. Even in communities where they hold the balance of power and furnish a large part of the electorate essential to success it seems never to occur to the masses of the race that they are entitled to some recognition in politics, aside from the privilege of casting the deciding vote. The political parties bid high for all the other races. Irshmen, Germans, Italians, Scandinavians and others have no trouble getting recognition on the tickets in communities where they are strong. In fact the parties are eager to get representatives of these nationalities and vie with each other in giving them recognition. Now, why should the Negro be the only exception to this general rule? Simply because he does not assert himself. As long as he is content to silently vote while others take all the honors depend upon it the politicians will not seek him out to thrust honors upon him.

Another reproach cast upon the Negro is that he has no political independence. He votes all the time as a blind partisan; regards politics as a fetish rather than a civic duty; allows himself to be herded and corraled in mass in support of one party all the time and altogether furnishes a continuous example of partisanism run to seed. This works well enough for the party that holds the mortgage, but how does it work for the Negro himself? Manifestly, if this continues indefinitely the race can expect no political advancement, it will sink lower and lower in the political scale and in time become an object of general contempt. Nothing so commends a race or class to politicians as the knowledge that they are self-respecting, cool-headed and disposed to have good reasons before deciding how they shall exercise their suffrage. Take the Germans for example. You will constantly hear the political managers saying: "These Germans are very independent people, they are well educated, well informed and not to be influenced by the usual campaign tricks. They listen, read closely and make up their minds for themselves. If we get their votes it must be by appealing to their reason, by convincing them that our side is right and by furnishing satisfactory arguments to prove our claim."

It is the ambition of the Freeman to have all the managing politicians talking in this way about the Negroes They will do so when the Negro learns the importance of a self respecting independence in politics; when he insists on being approached as an influential factor in the community, as one who is to be influenced by persuasion and arguments rather than by the bulldozing tactics of the whipper-in or the red fire of the ward heeler.

STRENGTH OF THE INDEPENDENT VOTER.

After all, it is not the thick-and-thin partisan but the independent vote who decides things in this country. He is not numerically large but very potential, as he holds the balance of power. The blind partisan may imagine that he is the "whole thing" but as a matter of fact it is not he or his kind that is disturbing the managers, What is all this spellbinding in Indiana intended for. It is not to the vote-her-straight, but the twenty thousand fearless independents, that all the speeches are addressed, all the literature directed, all the appeals made through the newspapers. The only attention paid to the fellows who boast that they never "scratch a ticket" is to poll them, ginger them a little with taffy and "soap", and round them up for election day. He has been marked and turned loose like a Texas steer, or tarred on the side like a mountain sheep and needs no more looking after until the day for corralling. Far different the case of the independent. He is no man's man. He belongs to himself and carries his sovereignty under his hat. He is not to be influenced by the ordinary claptrap devices, by the outworn party cries, by the stale appeals to prejudice. His reason must be reached and convinced by honest and manly argument, by proof of the better cause, by evidence that the party addressing him presents the best opportunity for good government, National progress, business prosperity and all that makes for the general welfare. Whichever party gets this independent vote will win the election in every close state They will settle the matter in New York and Indiana. The election funds, however large, won't reach them. The marching and parading, the beating of drums and noise of bands affects them only to annoyance. They can not be stampeded or bullied but must be convinced. If convinced that the Republicans are right, the Republicans will get their votes and win. If convinced that the Democrats have the best cause they will give them the victory by throwing them the balance of power which they hold.

Fellow citizens of the Negro race, isn't this the noblest of all attitudes to occupy in politics. Suppose every one of the seven thousand Negro voters in Marion county was absolutely independent in politics, standing ready all the time to vote for the best man and best party on principle. See what a hold and waht an honorable holds, it would give us. We could make and unmake candidates; we could make and unmake parties. Neither would dare to make a move or a nomination without consulting us. The ablest men in their ranks would be seeking us out to reason with us. The most eloquent of their orators would be sent to give us the benefit of their arguments. And all this power may be obtained without the sacrifice of any principle or the betraying of any trust, simply by being self-respectingly independent.

AN OLD FABLE WITH A POLITICAL MORAL.

Oldtimers who go back to the days of Webster's spelling book will remember the story of the bad boy and the farmer's apples. There was a picture representing the boy astride a limb, helping himself freely to the fruit. The farmer politely asked him to come down but the boy paid no attention while he coolly plucked and devoured the choicest fruit. Then, as a persuader, the farmer began throwing moss at the boy; this had no effect either, the boy continuing to munch apples unconcernedly, not even deigning to look at his despoiled victim. Finally, losing all patience, the farmer picked up a hand ful of stones and, aiming carefully, threw them at the bad boy in the tree. The boy was unable to stand this effective bombardment, but hastily slid down and begged the farmer for mercy.

Sometimes party officials, elected to high office by the people grow callous as they feed off of the good things set before them. They are deaf to reproof and pay no attention to the scoldings thrown at them in the gentle form of moss. They are in possession, don't see how they are to be dispossessed and coolly continue to pick the golden fruit Only when their constituency resort to sterner measures—dornicks and exploding fireworks, do these subborn people show signs of taking notice. Sometimes results may be obtained by throwing missiles inside of the house but if that fails it is necessary to get on the outside and throw rocks with unerring aim. This, in party parlance, is called bolting but a wholesome bolt has often been found the only means of reaching abuses and getting rid of barnacles.

Political honors have come easy for Jesse Overstreet. In 1894, when everything was hopelessly against the Democrats and they made little or no fight for anything, the congressional nominations in several districts, before hopelessly Democratic, were bestowed on young men with no idea that they would be elected. Mr. Overstreet was one of the lucky ones, and much to his surprise found himself in congress. Later he was legislated into the Indianapolis district, where the peculiar political conditions prevailing during the last eight years gave him the elections by overwhelming majorities. In fact things have come so easy for Mr. Overstreet that he has become careless, and in such cases the remedy is to send another man. He should be a Republican but not Mr. Overstreet.

The officers of the Tuskegee Normal and Industral Institute of Tuskegee, Ala., have gradually matured a plan which should very deeply interest the young men and women of the race who are seeking an education. This plan enables young men and women to attend school at night and work at an industry or trade during the day, or in the case of those who are able to pay a small monthly sum, to attend school during the day and at the same time, learn a trade or work at some industry. This improved plan gives superior opportunity for literary and academic training and at the same time gives equal opportunity for the learning of a trade. Last year thirty-six States were represented by students at Tuskegee, and nine foreign countries. The attendance during the coming year promises to be very large and the class of students promises to be of a high grade.

If a man does not respect himself he cannot expect anybody else to respect him. Same with a race. If a man does not stand up for his own rights others will not care whether he gets them or not. Same with a race. If a man does not insist on justice and an equal show in the distribution of political and business favors, who can be looked to to do this for him? Same with a race. Allow a party, a man or set of men, a clique of any kind to think they own you, and you may whistle for anything more than the few crumbs they choose to toss you across the table Self-respect invites respect and independence invites favors

Arkansas with its recent gain of 25,000 seeks to get in the doubtful class; it sent up several colored men to the National Republican League convention held in this city on the 5th and 6th.

Senator Beveridge the ubiquitous; he is everywhere doing yeoman service for the party.

BISHOP TURNER SAYS AFRICA.

Bishop H. M. Turner in his lecture in this city, last week, did not forget to harp on his favorite injunction, "Negroes, go to Africa," insisting that the hardships are such in this country that they would be justified in so doing. He speaks of the great disfranchising scheme of the South which puts the Negro out of political action and at the same time maintains scores of representatives at Washington based on the very political non-entity. He says, that such a flagrant outrage and perversion of rights ought not to be tolerated, and since the matter cannot be helped, that the Negroes, a million of them, should leave the country and set up for themselves and prove men in the disapproval of the condition and those that brought it about. He is equally severe on mob rule and the general maltreatment of Negroes in the United States. His assertions cannot be denied by friends or foes, yet it strikes us that he hopes fairly an impossible thing when he asks that the Negroes go to Africa to mend their civil, political or material fortunes. Not that Africa is objectionable as Africa, but because it promises no great things for the colored people in event they went.

While Bishop Turner may be considered a harmless old man, yet he stands a force in the Negro affairs of to-day. His stand for the greatest freedom is but the yearnings of mankind since the world began. But he thinks the thing freedom unassociated with conditions, and that other form of race prejudice that comes through history and tradition, and which is taught and fostered, and belongs to no one race. Some form of prejudice exists with every race as against some other, and the Negroes are not exempt. But they will do the proper thing if they work with the object of reducing it to that point weere friction will be at a minimum.

"To Africa" is the bishop's cry, and a rather lonesome wail it is; no where is the refrain caught up by black men or by white men. White men of prominence are expressing themselves as desirous of peace and a better understanding. They declare that they want the colored man and they show it by employing him and educating him although we are too apt to feel that they have but very little thought for him. There are white men who make it a study how to best assist the colored race. Bishop Turner should study the other side. It does not mean that he could not be alone right; but is he right in his advocacy? Is it based on reason, or simply mad desire out of a heart gangrened by disappointment or hate purely, with the element of consideration purposely avoided, relying on actual conditions to give color and strength to his position? As to a plain statement of fact, he is right. In avoiding the mention of conditions up to this right, he is wrong.

"To Africa," says he, when he must know that the slogan is a back-actioned affair as it refers either to Africa or America. He knows that the Negro in America except the ne'er do wells, do not look forward to that country as obsessed with the possibilities of mending their civil, political or material fortunes. If it were some new land, situated under favorable sun, easy of access, then at the best it would still be a problem. But we know our fatherland, and as much as we may not like it, as much as we may regret it, it does not appeal to us as a rendezvous, an asylum or a retreat in the sense that Virgin America was pictured to the religiously crushed and the civilly crushed Europeans at the morning of the republic.

Africa is not an unknown, nor an untried country. We know about the land grabbers there; the Transvaal? the Boers and Oom Paul? Rear an empire indeed or a republic, that it may be gulped down in the capacious maw of some big bellied giant. We know about Cape Colony and its suffrage restrictions, its policy of reducing the natives. Of course this does not destroy the contention that the Negroes may yet set up some where without fear or molestation. But have we not a demonstrator in Liberia? What has it demonstrated? It has demonstrated that it can exist only by oxygenization as it were. Then we have some other doubtful States more or less of the time in political turpitude, our south sea neighbors of the western hemisphere, who are as belligerent as prize fighters, and without much more provocation. No; it is not to the point. But it raises a point. Why does not Liberia incorporate the 100,000,000 native blacks and build an empire that would cause old Rome to look like thirty cents? Why not? The question is not without answer. Then why not?

Admitting some civil irregularities through which Negroes in this country suffer the United States is the most favorable spot in all the world for their development along all lines. Their fate is actually in their own hands. What they have not done, they can do. The responsibility is on them; they are not hindered from amassing millions or buying districts where they can live alone if they see it that way. They have the twentieth facilities to create a twentieth century civilization. In the language of Senator Beveridge, "All is well with the Republic."

The mob is sometimes rampant, but it can be positively prohibited if the Negroes will cut out every form of evil, not seeking to be bad because white men are bad. It is not incumbent on them to be better, but it won't hurt them, and be the means of avoiding much trouble.

Here is the greater point of difference between the races in America, the one which promises no early settlement. When Negroes do violence or commit atrocious crimes, they should be treated as white men that commit similar deeds. And to be fair, sometimes they are, but far too often the courts are displaced by the mobs and Negroes are proceeded against as if they were flying outlaws. Here is the American political and civil unsoundness which ever tend to put the Negroes below par. It is that thing above others that gives Bishop Turner's plea some excuse. He says disfranchisement, but the spirit that begot that condition was brought about by lessening the respect—the mob's result.

But after all is not the race in the process of making, and can it escape the seeming eternal law, that the price must be paid? It is wrong to assume that the Negroes fell from some lofty estate down to this fell condition. What fell condition, pray you, when we speak glowingly of the millions accumulated, education and achievement? Do we not boast that "no nation within so short a period has done so much?" In spite of the much talked of restraint it appears that we had some show, and in fact much more than we used up. Barring the irregularities mentioned in a civil way, our, may it be hoped, temporary embarrassment, the country in which we live has nothing like an equal in the way of opportunities. Nor need we feel that we are dealing Africa a back-handed blow. America is full of peoples who left their homes to find a happier existence in America. These, doubtless, love their old homes, but they confess that America, their new home, is a much better one by staying here.

Mr. Overstreet occasionally stops off to visit his constituency. As he only remains a few hours, however, he only has time to see a few politicians around headquarters at the English Hotel, besides a hurried call on his manager, Mr. Archibald Young, and away he goes again for another prolonged absence. He promises us another short visit just before election to see if the machine is working all right.

Independent candidacies are good things for these old parties. They stir them up and put them on their good behavior. They teach them to respect the rights of the people by cautioning them not to regard their election as certainties.

The unceremonious services held over the remains of Senator George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts were in keeping with his simple life. A great, good, useful man is gone but he leaves a legacy by the way of an exemplary political and private life, making good the earthly loss, of the individual. Can there be a loss even on earth, spiritual or material?

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THE STAGE.

By "WOODBINE."

Lew Payton sends regards to all friends, down south. Helo, John Dennis, Buddie Glenn and Rohar.

Marsh Craig sends regards to Harry Fiddler and wife, Ruby Shelon and family. All write as per route in Freeman.

Billy McClain, who is now in London, Eng., will introduce a new version of "Bill Bailey" at the Royal Holborn, entitled "Bill Bailey in Japan."

C. W. Be Bee with Ton-Ka-Wah Medicine Co. writes from Cherokee, Kans., sending regards to all friends. He would like to hear from Sam Cook.

E. J. Burton, leader of the Alabama Ouastette sends regards to the Nightengale Quartette and says he would like to hear from them through the Freeman.

Performers in and out of the Profession are requested to correspond with the Diamond Theatre, a first class Vaudeville house, Beaumont, Tex., if not engaged.

Al Anderson and Billy Briggs Kings of Colored Comedy, are being featured for the second season with the Jere McAuliffe show, in their latest success, the "Black Gallery God," and are booked solid until August 1905.

Mike Wells, the genial proprietor of the Buffalo Sample room in Indianapolis and manager and owner of Well's Ebony Bells Co., was in Chicago last week making arrangements to put this well known company on the road again.

Notes from Millican & Company:—We are now in the State of old South Carolina and business is good. Billy Arnte will make a flying trip Sunday to Winston, N. C. to see some of his old friends. He sends best regards to Sam Johnson and Wm. Gront of the New Orleans Minstrels. The show is getting along nicely. Best regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Geo. L. Moxley, the veteran Minstrel had the pleasure of entertaining Al Holman and Billy Banks of Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show, last week. The meeting was exceedingly pleasant as Mr. Moxley had not seen Mr. Banks since they sang together with Sam. T. Jack's Creole Co., the first season of that show. Mr. Moxley sends regards to Billy Young, Billy Kersands, Sam Lucas and Harry Fidler.

The McCarvers, Billie and Sadie were big hits at the Grystal Theatre, Seattle, Wash. last week. We are now on Goldsmith's for 15 weeks and then we go on the 3 L circuit for 20 weeks, through California, Victoria, B. C. Le Pettet Theatre week of the 26". Vancouver B. C., Le Pettet Theatre week of the 2". Regards to all friends and especially to my former partner, Harry Reed and glad to know he has such and easy thing. Ditto, for Billy and I are getting the money.

Mr. John Rucker, Al Watts, James Worles, Harry Kraton, Harry Reed, Chauncey Ver Vallin, of the "Black Patti Co.," and Al Turner the "Fre-o-g" were the guests of Mr. Fred Simpson and wife to a seven dinner, at their beautiful home in W. 12th street, Wednesday evening the 21st. After the seventh round all of the boys were plenty fittin. Cigars were served and all left rejoicing, and a puffin' and a blowin'. To gaze on the table 'twas as beautiful as a diamond pin and to eat the delicious food thereon; for explanation, see John Rucker. Our gratitude and best wishes are extended to our comrade and wife.

Ollie Shelton writes from Terry's U. T. C. Co. Just as I said before the Old Hawk Ness will soon be broken up and he will fly to Omaha for two weeks. Our manager, J. D. Chum, is busy getting things ready for fhe coming season although we have until the 22, of Oct. Everybody is well except Mrs. Tillie Shelton who has a very bad cold. Mr. and Mrs. Al Edwards sends regards to all friends, also Miss Emma Russell and Joe Galway. The Sheltons send regards to Marsh Craig, Al and Mamie Holman, Strander and Davis, Wm. Wilkins and all K. of P. friends. Emma Russell sends regards to Pearl Moppin, and says "write Pearl as I have lost your route."

Baynard & Whitneys famous Troubadours:—We have just closed the most successful season since our organization, 1898. Everybody finished the season of 18 weeks in good health and spirits. The artistic success of the show this season far surpassed any we have yet produced. Every show was a decided hit, which naturally insured the financial success of the show. We finished the season without any sickness or death in the company and no accidents, excepting three "blow downs," which caused very little damage, and no injury to performers or audience. We send best regards to P. G. Lowery & Co., Harris & Cassells, the Brinkleys and Chas. Bougia.

Mr. Ed. C. Price writes:—My wife and I are well and are having good success here in the South with our little company, All of the company are well and C. E. Hawk is having the best success in carrying the Hawk and Frice Concert Gompany through the South. Our advance agent, O. B. Ross, is doing fine for it to be his first season in front. Mrs. Ludell Price sends regards to Uncle Pet. G. Hampton in England, and all friends. We are on our way to Florida and are more than making good. Ed. C. Price with his comedy is leaving them screaming every night, but, not for their money back. We were highly entertained while in Elberton, S. C. by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, one of the wealthiest colored men in the South and we were sorry that we had to leave such good company. The company sends regards to all friends. Helo Prof. Geo. Jones, how is Dainty? I say write.

Napoleon Johnson writes from the Georgia Minstrels:—One good time seems to be an introduction to another: so close they follow with George Rhone home in Galveston, Tuesday. Happy Beaugard home in Houston, Wednesday and then with all our friends and Beaumont to follow made the past week one of the most sociable of the season. To thoes acquainted with the drawing power of the Georgias it is needless to say we made and are getting the money but to those who are not on the inside, allow me to say we are getting ours, and the man in white never never fails to preambulate ever Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Our company is composed of people with the goods who know how to deliver them, under the able direction of Clarence Powell we never fail to please the people. Although this is Powell's first season as stage manager, yet as he deals with the detaila adding the right thing in the right place adds greatly to his already well earned a reputation and as he has perfect control over the boys, all work in harmony, one with another showing that he can manage as well as perform.

Jno. W. Cooper, commonly called the "Wizard" is still a feature of the Olio, as he has a pair of new figures, new talk and other things adds to his act, making it this season the crowning point, as his turn appeals to all classes, hence there is not a dull moment from his entrance to his exit, from stage. In a number of cases he is forced to take curtain calls. Then gives imitations most noted among which is his famous imitation of drawing and drinking a glass of soda-water and one of the Edison's Phonograph talking and reproducing a record.

Frank Weaver, tenor songster who joined us in Ft. Work, is rehearsing of "Kilarney" which he will put on in a few days.

The company joins me in extending best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Kersands and Company. We wish you much success and do hope it would be our lot to meet some place this season, long enough to exchange greetings, for travling as we are to meet a stmilar organization adds peace to the troubled mind, as the sight of a ship or land would to minds of ship-wrecked sailors drifting out in mid ocean.

Notes from Billy Kersands famous Mtnstrel Co.:—Everythiug fs lovely and running as smoothly as if by natures own law. Our show still continues to please, easily. thus enabling us to play to the capacity of the houses. Our parade is haughty, gaudy and gorgeous and seems to be just what the people want. One of the strong features of our parade, outside of the great band, which is not necessary to mention, is the great Robert Conners, better known as "Rastus" in his own orriginal act for the street, a wheel act. It is startling and wonderful, a big hit for the street. And then comes our noted and well known drum major, Dave. D. Smith, in his exciting and eccentric feats of drum majoring, making two big hits for our grand street parade. As for the show, we are adding to it daily, and it has always been claimed to be stronger than last season. Campbell Bros. have a first class act on this season, and is simply cleaning up, "it's a screamer" As for the Alabama Quartette, "Enough sed". And another feature I guess is a poor one, the marvelous Marsh Craig in his act alone. Mr. Craig's act simply is a convincidg proof to the entire world, that every day learns us something. On our next week's programme the Houseley Bros. will appear fn their superb musical act which adds a little more show. As the old saying, we know a carpenter by his chips. Hence we give a brief outline of some of the timber connected with the great Kersands Show. We have not mentioned the Kersand's at all, who certainly adds mirth and laughter to all parts of our show. They want to know if Dick Thomas reads the Freeman. Regards to all.

P. B. Ross Hendrix's Chicago Notes.

Chas. Mars, R. A. Johnson and Mose Lerry are in the city. They are all looking and doing well. They wish to be remembered to all their friends.

William Windom, the wide world known contra tenor singer, composer and minstrel man, entertained the patrons of the Chicago last week, and was highly applauded. Sends regards to all friends.

Wise, Milton & Picks in their rattling Southern song and dance act, who entertained the patrons of the Chicago last week are this week at the Haymarket. Wise & Milton are known from coast to coast, and are always favorites, when you once see them, you will want to see them again. Their sketchs are above the average. Regards to all their friends in and out of the profession.

Johnson & Welks, singers, dancers and comedians, filled a successful engagement at the Haymarket, last week.

Hodges & Launchmere are the leading attraction at the Cleveland Theatre this week. They are recieving from five to six encores at every performance. They are a very clever team.

H. C. Buckner, manager of the Dixie Concert Co., who with the company in a few days, leave for a six months engagement, spoke very ably at the young men's Sunday club, of St. Mark's M. E. church, taking for his subject, "Sunshine." Although not to be classed as a public speaker, he did himself credit, and his subject was well defined, and a great moral lesson was to be learned from it. He is well known as a bass singer of the highest degree, and we are proud to see him hold his own as an orator.

Mr. Louis (Baby) Love returned to the city last week, and left for a short engagement with forty-five people. His company of performers are making a hit wherever they appear. He handles the goods. Therefore, he can give it to the public, with credit to himself. Regards to his many friends and also enemies.

Mrs. James L. Love desires the profession to know that she holds you all in remembrance, and hopes that one and all will have a successful season. As she is the proprietor of the professional headquarters, she wants you all to know that you are as welcome as the flowers in May, and together with her assistants, Messrs. Joe Catlin, Jake Wonders, and Chas. Williams, will try to make you feel at home, at 2702 State St.

Prof. Felix Weir, who about two years ago, out a class of 100 students from the Chicago musical college, at the graduating exercises, recieved a beautiful diamond emblem pin, as an acknowledgement of the judges, that he was above the Ofays, in his executions upon the violon has sailed for Berlin, Germany, and other points across the water, to complete his course. We extend to him our hearty desires that he be successful.

A Melodrama which fairly leaps from one sensational incident to another, "Queen of the White Slaves," comes to the Park next Monday. Its opening scene is in New York, it whisks to San Francsco, thence across the Pacific to Hong Kong and back again to Frisco. Nineteen elaborated scenes are shown before the play runs its course. Its story is that of an American beauty who is, through the aid of the Highbinders spirited away to a mandarins palace. Its action abounds in detective work. The lone interest is strong and the company members, nearly forty people. The vale of the White Slave is taken by Ailleen May. The bill for the second half of the week is "Hearts Adrift." well received at the Park in a former engagement. Its heroine is a banker's daughter, in love with her fathers cashier, who, however, loves another. The wealth of the bankers daughter does not excite the sentiment of the cashier and the disappointed girl gives way to the evil of her nature and seeks revenge, and has him brought to the bar of justice an a false charge of murder. One of the scenic features is an air-ship. The company is headed by E. L. Snoder.

The Clover-Leaf Quartette, (Reese Baker, and Frazier,) while playing with "On the Suwanee River Co.," week of Sept. 19th at Louisville, Ky., were entertained by Tom Logan and Will Able.

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1904 ROUTE. 1905

A Rabbit Foot Co.—Summit, Miss., Oct. 10; Brookhaven, 11; Jackson, 12; Natchez, 13; Port Gibson, 14; Vicksburg, 15.

P. G. Lowery 4 Paws and Sells' Bros. Circus.—Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 10; New Orleans, 11-12; Bay St. Louis, Miss., 13; Mobile, Ala., 14; Pensacola, Fla., 15.

Georgia Minstrels.—Thurber, Tex., Oct. 10; Abeline, 11; Cisco, 12; Dub in, 13; Stephensville, 14; Brownswood, 15.

Mahara's Big Minstrels Co.—Slayton, Minn., Oct. 10; Windom, 11; Springfield, 12; Marshall, 13-14; Miuneota, 15.

Anderson and Briggs.—Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 10 to 15.

Wang Doodle Comedy 4, en route with Bob Manchester's Cracker Jack Co.—Louisville, Ky., week of Oct. 9.

3 Renix Bros., Carolinians.—DesMoines, Ia., Oct. 11 to 17.

Harry Brown, Singing Cartoonist.—Orpheum circuit, week of Oct. 3.

Al E. Holman's Students en route.—Rushville, Ind., Oct. 10; Connersville, 11; Dayton, O., 12; Springfield, 13; Wilmington, 14; Circleville, 15; Home Sweet Home.

McCarver, Garay and Bamboo.—Edison Theater, Logan, Utah, Oct. 10 to 15.

THE STUDENT.

Edited by Miss Paralee Lucas.

Kansas University.

Within the last few days the Kansas University Bible chair has been mailing its announcement of the course in Bible to be pursued from October to November. Many of our students, doubtless, have paid very little attention to the pamphlet other than a slight perusal. The new students, and old ones as well, should take advantage of the courses of instruction offered in this line of work. The instructor, Prof. W. C. Payne, is a very congenial gentleman and makes all welcome who enter his class. Furthermore, he is an interesting lecturer, and the work is a pleasure rather than a task. It is a deplorable fact that every year very few of our students are interested in the work. At the present time there are only two young ladies enrolled—a sophomore in the mission study class and a senior in the normal course for teachers. With so many of our students enrolled at least three-fourths ought to arrange to take this very helpful work.

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C. A. and N. University.

Doubtless, the first thing you will ask in reading this item is what do those initials stand for, and where is that institution situated. The Colored Agricultural and Normal University is at Langston, Oklahoma, and was founded in 1897. The departments are Collegiate, College Preparatory, Normal and Elementary. The president, Inman E. Page, A. M., was formerly instructor at Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo. He has a strong faculty to aid him, and the work is thorough and satisfactory. The library consists of over nine hundred carefully selected volumes of reference books, representing the various departments of literature. In addition to these works the library and reading room are kept supplied with many newspapers and magazines. The departments of mathematics, domestic economy and agriculture have a limited supply of apparatus, while the department of mechanic arts has an equipment of more than $8,000 worth of machinery and tools. The school is growing and promises to be one of the best in the Southwest.

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Lawrence High School.

Miss Gertrude Mason, a former student at Lawrence High School, is contemplating the idea of becoming a trained nurse. Miss Mason will enter Provident Hospital in Chicago and pursue the regular four years' course. This profession is a very lucrative one and we are all very glad to see so many of our young ladies aspiring to be proficient in that line. Miss Nona Johnson and Miss Frankie McWilliams are at Douglass Hospital in Kansas City, Kas., and they like the work very much.

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Those who attended the K. U.-Emporia foot ball game noticed that one of the men on the opposing line-up was of our own race. The Kansas City Journal had only words of praise for him, saying in substance that, although Emporia did not score, the best playing was given by Kirk. Although Mr. Kirk was on the opposing line-up we are proud of him.

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Miss Mable Gleed will visit in Kansas City this week.

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Miss Lena Smith is taking the new course in domestic science.

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Miss Wright of Baldwin, Kas., visited the high school on Friday, Oct. 2.

CHICAGO NEWS.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—A reception was given by Mrs. Dolly Savage and brothers Richard and William Berry at their beautiful residence at 144 West Forty-fifth Place in honor of Mrs. Josie, Miss Georgia and Mr. Aaron Bradford and Mrs. Minnie Fort, of Fargo, N. D., who were en route to the World's Fair thence to Nashville, Tenn., their former home, on last Friday evening, September 31st. The evening was spent pleasantly in dancing, whist and solos by several professional singers. Mr. Otto C. Mays' rendition of the "Holy City" was above the average. Mr. Frank Harrison sang "I Have a Feeling for You." Everyone enjoyed themselves and hope that Mrs. Savage and brothers will have their out of city friends to call often so they can return again for an enjoyable evening. Mrs. Bradford and family are going to remain in Nashville and Mrs. Fort will return to Fargo in five of six weeks.—Rev. Jesse E. Woods, who was returned to St. Mary's Church, is an able divine, a man of Christian character and liked by his congregation. He anticipates upon enlarging the present edifice, making it a monument to the A. M. E. connection worthy of distinction. He has been more successful than any of his predecessors and deserves the encouragement of his members and friends. —Ross Hendrix has accepted the foremanship of the shipping dock of Nelson Morris & Company's new plant at the stock yards. —Rev. A. J. Carey was greeted by two large audiences last Sunday at Bethel Church to which he was recently appointed having filled the pulpit of Quinn Chapel for six years. Bishop Turner filled his pulpit in the evening.—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jackson, of Grand Boulevard entertained Mrs. Bradford and family and Mrs. Minnie Ford at luncheon last week.

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Why doesn't Henry Watterson consult a specialist on Negrophobia before the disease turns in on him?

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Why is it that people who live in glass houses habitually indulge in the dangerous stone-throwing industry?

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Why did the Christian Recorder wish a favorable write-up on racial conditions at the unfair St. Louis fair?

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How many Negroes from Indiana did Congressman Overstreet get into that big pick-up, the census office?

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Are the Eastern Democrats actually "doing things" to our great and good Indiana friend, Tom Taggart?

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Are the anti-theater going churches enforcing the law they refused to repeal at the recent general conference?

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When will that veteran wheel-horse of Negro Democracy, Lawyer J. T. V. Hill, get ready to rally his cohorts?

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When will the labor unions realize that it will be to their interest to make common cause with the Negro workingmen?

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Isn't W. Calvin Chase supporting Roosevelt with about the same fervor that Wm. Jennings Bryan is booming Parker?

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Wasn't Senator Fairbanks mainly responsible for the appointment of Dr. H. W. Furniss as Consul to Bahia, Brazil?

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Have S. W. Starks, J. McHenry Jones, J. C. Gilmer and Phil Waters got West Virginia securely sewed up in a sack?

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Why doesn't Henry Arnett offer his flag to William Monroe Trotter as a suitable emblem for a man without a country?

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Doesn't that monster banquet in Boston settle the whole question of Booker T. Washington's standing and popularity?

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Why are Negroes themselves the most vehement in denouncing those of the race who open wide the door of opportunity?

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Has Edward H. Morris been relegated to obscurity because of his atrocious attempt to lecture on "Shams, by one of them?"

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Why was not Banker Isaac H. Smith along with Banker John Mitchell al the New York convention of master financiers?

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Why is it more reprehensible for the Negroes to discipline a recreant representative than It is for the Irish or Dutch to do so?

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Is the Rev. Jay Albert Johnson trying to trade off his noble little Bishopric boom for the presidency of Wilberforce University?

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Will the Episcopal General Convention at Boston encourage the colored adherents of the church by providing for a bishop of the race?

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Why cannot Negro banks be instituted and maintained at Louisville, Atlanta, New Orleans, Washington, Memphis and Jacksonville?

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Will W. H. Fielding take ministerial orders in the Episcopal church with a view of becoming rector of St. Philips at Indianapolis?

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Will Capt. D. J. Gilmer "do the honor" for General Gorbin when that august personage lands upon the hospitable shores of the Philapines?

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Why hasn't James A. Ross, the New York State Negro Democratic leader, found a few spare moments to run in on Judge Parker at Esopus?

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Has the colored leadership in New Jersey been definitely settled? Are headquarters at Jersey City, Red Bank, Newark, Plainfield or Whitesboro?

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Will there be enough room in pent-up Brooklyn for such eminent authorities on the higher education as Dr. O. M. Waller and Rev. G. Frazier Miller?

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Hasn't Dr. H. T. Johnson a firm grip on the first call for the A. M. E. Bishopric, with Rev. W. H. Chambers claiming similar honors in the A. M. E. Zion church?

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The Gentleman From Indiana

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opening it, let in a tornado of wind and flood of water that beat him back. Sheets of rain blew in horizontally in spite of the porch beyond.

Briscoe followed him. "Don't be a fool, Lige," he said. "You hardly expect to go out in that." Lige shook his head. It needed them both to get the door closed. The young man leaned his back against it and passed his sleeve across his wet brow. "I hadn't ought to have left him."

"Don't scare the girls," whispered the other; then in a louder tone: "All I'm afraid of is that he'll get blown to pieces or catch his death of cold. That's all there is to worry about. They wouldn't try it again so soon after last night. I'm not bothering about that; not at all. That needn't worry anybody."

"But this morning"—

"Pshaw! He's likely home and dry by this time. All foolishness. Don't be an old woman."

The two men re-entered the room and found Helen clinging to Minnie's hand on the sofa. She looked up at them quickly.

"Do you think—do you—what do you"—

Her voice shook so that she could not go on.

The judge pinched her cheek and patted it. "I think he's home and dry, but I think he got wet first. That's what I think. Never you fear. He's a good hand at taking care of himself. Sit down, Lige. You can't go for awhile." Nor could he. It was a long, long while before he could venture out. The storm raged and roared without abatement. It was Carlow's worst since '51, the old gentleman said. They heard the great limbs crack and break outside, while the thunder pealed and boomed, and the wind ripped at the eaves till it seemed as if the roof must go. Meanwhile the judge, after some apology, lit his pipe and told long stories of the storms of early days and of odd freaks of the wind. He talked on calmly, the picture of repose, and blew rings above his head, but Helen saw that one of his big slippers beat an unceasing little tattoo on the carpet. She sat with fixed eyes, in silence, holding Minnie's hand tightly, and her face was colorless, growing whiter as the slow hours dragged by.

Every moment Mr. Willetts became more restless. He assured the ladies he had no anxiety regarding Mr. Harkless. It was only his own dereliction of duty that he regretted. The boys would have the laugh on him, he said. But he visibly chafed more and more under the judge's stories and constantly rose to peer out of the window into the wrack and turmoil, and once or twice he struck his hands together with muttered ejaculations. At last there was a lull in the fury without, and as soon as it was perceptible he announced his intention of making his way into town. He "had ought to have went before," he declared apprehensively, and then, with immediate amendment, of course he would find the editor at work in the Herald office. There wasn't the slightest doubt of that, he agreed with the judge, but he better see about it. He would return early in the morning and bid Miss Sherwood goodby. Hoped she'd come back some day; hoped it wasn't her last visit to Plattville. They gave him an umbrella, and he plunged into the night, and as they stood for a moment at the door, the old man calling after him cheery good nights and laughing messages to Harkless, they could see him fight with his umbrella when he got out into the road.

Helen's room was over the porch, the windows facing north, looking out upon the pike and across the fields. "Please don't light the lamp, Minnie," she said when they had gone upstairs. "I don't need it." Miss Briscoe was flitting about the room hunting for matches. In the darkness she came to her friend and laid a kind, large hand on Helen's eyes, and the hand became wet. She drew Helen's head down on her shoulder and sat beside her on the bed.

"Sweetheart, you mustn't fret," she soothed in motherly fashion. "Don't you worry, dear. He's all right. It isn't your fault, dear. They wouldn't come on a night like this."

But Helen drew away and went to the window, flattening her arm against the pane, her forehead pressed against her arm. She had let him go; she had let him go alone. She had forgotten the danger that always beset him. She had been so crazy; she had seen nothing, thought of nothing. She had let him go into that and into the storm alone. Who knew better than she how cruel they were. She had seen the fire leap from the white blossom and heard the ball whistle, the ball they had meant for his heart—that good, great heart. She had run to him the night before. Why had she let him go into the unknown and the storm tonight? But how could she have stopped him? How could she have kept him after what he had said? He had put it out of her power to speak the word "Stay!" She peered into the night through distorting tears.

The wind had gone down a little, but only a little, and the electrical flashes danced all round the horizon in magnificent display, sometimes far away, sometimes dazingly near, the darkness doubly deep between the intervals when the long sweep of flat lands lay in dazzling clearness, clean cut in the washed air to the finest detail of stricken field and heaving woodland.

A staggering flame clove earth and sky, and sheets of light echoed it, and a frightful uproar shook the house and rattled the casements, but over the crash of thunder Minnie heard her friend's loud scream and saw her spring back from the window with both hands, palms outward, pressed to her face. She leaped to her and threw her arms about her.

"What is it?"

"Look!" Helen dragged her to the window. "At the next flash! The fence beyond the meadow."

"What was it? What was it like?" The lightning flashed incessantly. Helen tried to point. Her hand only jerked from side to side.

"Look!" she cried.

"I see nothing but the lightning," Minnie answered breathlessly.

"Oh, the fence! The fence! And in the field!"

"Helen! What was it like?"

"Ah, ah!" she panted. "A long line of white looking things—horrible white"—

"What like?" Minnie turned from the window and caught the other's wrist in a strong clasp.

"Minnie, Minnie! Like long white gowns and cowls crossing the fence!" Helen released her wrist from her companion's grasp and put both hands on Minnie's cheeks, forcing her around to face the flickering pane. "You must look! You must look!" she cried.

"They wouldn't do it! They wouldn't—it isn't!" Minnie shuddered. "They couldn't come in the storm. They wouldn't do it in the pouring rain."

"Yes! Such things would mind the rain!" She burst into hysterical laughter, and Minnie seized her round the waist, almost as unnerved as Helen, yet trying to soothe her. "They would mind the rain," Helen whispered. "They would fear a storm. Yes, yes! And I let him go; I let him go!"

Pressing close together, clasping each other's waist, the two girls peered out at the landscape.

"Look!"

Up from the distant fence that bordered the northern side of Jones' field a pale, pelted, flapping thing reared itself, poised and seemed, just as the blackness came again, to drop to the ground.

"Did you see?"

But Minnie had thrown herself into a deep chair with a laugh of wild relief. "My darling girl!" she cried. "Not a line of white things—just one—Mr. Jones' scarecrow! And we saw it blown down!"

"No, no, no! I saw the others. They were in the field beyond. I saw them. When I looked the first time they were nearly all on the fence. This time we saw the last man crossing. Ah, I let him go alone!"

Minnie sprang up and infolded her. "No; you dear, imagining child, you're upset and nervous, that's all the matter in the world. Don't worry; don't, child; it's all right. Mr. Harkless is home and safe in bed long ago. I know that old scarecrow on the fence like a book, and you're so unstrung you fancied the rest. He's all right. Don't you bother, dear."

The big, motherly girl took her companion in her arms and rocked her back and forth soothingly and petted and reassured her and then cried a little with her, as a good hearted girl always will with a friend. Then she left her for the night, with many a cheering word and tender caress. "Get to sleep, my dear," she called through the door when she had closed it behind her. "You must if you have to go in the morning. It just breaks my heart. I don't know how we'll bear it without you. Father will miss you almost as much as I will. Good night. Don't bother about that old white scarecrow; that's all it was. Good night, dear; good night."

"Good night, dear," answered a plaintive little voice. Helen's cheek pressed the pillow and tossed from side to side. By and by she turned the pillow over; it had grown wet. The wind blew about the eaves and blew itself out. Sleep would not come. She got up and laved her burning eyes; then she sat by the window. The storm's strength was spent at last. The rain grew lighter and lighter until there was but the sound of running water and the drip, drip on the tin roof of the porch. Only the thunder rumbling in the distance marked the storm's course, the chariots of the gods rolling farther and farther away till they finally ceased to be heard altogether. The clouds parted majestically, and then, between great curtains of mist, the day star was seen shining in the east.

The night was hushed, and the peace that falls before dawn was upon the wet, flat lands. Somewhere in the sodden grass a swamped cricket chirped; from an outlying flange of the village a dog's howl rose mournfully; it was answered by another far away and by another and another. The sonorous chorus rose above the village, died away, and quiet fell again.

Helen sat by the window, no comfort touching her heart. Tears coursed her cheeks no longer, but her eyes were wide and staring, and her lips parted breathlessly, for the hush was broken by the far clamor of the courthouse bell ringing in the night. It rang and rang and rang and rang. She could

"Look!" she cried.

not breathe. She threw open the window. The bell stopped. All was quiet once more. The east was gray.

Suddenly out of the stillness there came the sound of a horse galloping over a wet road. He was coming like mad. Some one for a doctor? No; the hoof beats grew louder, coming out from the town, coming faster and faster, coming here. There was a plashing and trampling in front of the house and a sharp "Whoa!" In the dim light of first dawn she made out a man on a foam flecked horse. He drew up at the gate.

A window to the right of hers went screeching up. She heard the judge clear his throat before he spoke.

"What is it? That's you, isn't it, Wiley? What is it?" He took a good deal of time and coughed between the sentences. His voice was more than ordinarily quiet, and it sounded husky. "What is it, Wiley?"

"Judge, what time did Mr. Harkless leave here last night, and which way did he go?"

There was a silence. The judge turned away from the window. Minnie was standing just outside his door. "It must have been about half past 9, wasn't it, father?" she called in a choked voice. "And—you know—Helen thought he went west."

"Wiley!" The old man leaned from the sill again.

"Yes," answered the man on horseback.

"Wiley, he left about half past 9—just before the storm. They think he went west."

"Much obliged. Willetts is so upset he isn't sure of anything."

"Wiley!" The old man's voice shook. Minnie began to cry aloud. The horseman wheeled about and turned his animal's head toward town. "Wiley!"

"Yes."

"Wiley, they haven't—you don't think they've got him?"

Said the man on horseback, "Judge, I'm afraid they have."

CHAPTER VIII.

THE courthouse bell ringing in the night! No hesitating stroke of Schofields' Henry, no uncertain touch, was on the rope. A loud, wild, hurried clamor pealing out to wake the countryside, a rapid clang! clang! clang! that struck clear in to the spine. The courthouse bell had tolled for the death of Morton, of Garfield, of Hendricks; had rung joy peals of peace after the war and after political campaigns, but it had rung as it was ringing now only three times—once when Hibbard's mill burned, once when Webb Landis killed Sep Bardlock and intrenched himself in the lumber yard and would not be taken until he was shot through and through, and once when the Rouen accommodation, crowded with children and women and men, was wrecked within twenty yards of the station.

Why was the bell ringing now? Men and women, startled into wide wakefulness, groped to windows. No red mist hung over town or country. What was it? The bell rang on. Its loud alarm beat increasingly into men's hearts and quickened their throbbing to the rapid measure of its own. Vague forms loomed in the gloaming. A horse, madly ridden, splashed through the town. There were shouts; voices called hoarsely; lamps began to gleam in the windows; half clad people emerged from their houses, men slapping their braces on their shoulders as they ran out of doors; questions were shouted into the dimness.

Then the news went over the town.

It was cried from yard to yard, from group to group, from gate to gate, and reached the furthermost confines. Runners shouted it as they sped by, and boys panted it, breathless; women with loosened hair stumbled into darkling chambers and faltered it out to new wakened sleepers, and pale girls, clutching wraps at their throats, whispered it across fences. The sick, tossing on their hard beds, heard it. The bell clamored it far and near; it spread over the countryside, and it flew over the wires to distant cities. The White Caps had got Mr. Harkless!

Lige Willetts had lost track of him out near Briscoe's, it was said, and had come into town at midnight seeking him. He had found Parker, the Herald foreman, and Ross Schofield, the typesetter, and Bud Tipworthy, the devil, at work in the printing office, but no sign of Harkless there or in the cottage. Together these had sought for him and had roused others who had in-

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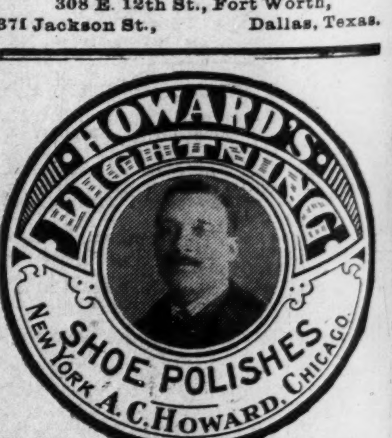

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Lincoln Institute Farmers' Convention. Progress of the Institution.

No one of the many inovations introduced by Dr. B F. Allen in the management of Lincoln Institute can become of more practical value to the Negroes of the stateland section than the Farmers' Convention, provided that the thinking men and women of their respective communities will take hold of the matter in the proper spirit, and by their presence and experience, added to words of deeds and encouragement. will aid a movement that in the present status of the Negro, financially and otherwise, can be of so much material use to him in a section which commands the rich agricultural lands of the great middle West, of the Southwest and Northwest.

The public lands are rapidly opening the number of acres of available land proportionally is decreasing, and if the Negro fails to be land-wise in his day and generation, he will eventually awake to find himself not only disfranchised, but also minus that other strong right, arm of liberty the ownership of land.

Possessed of land, and knowledge of improved methods of cultivation, irrigation, rotation of crops, poultry raising, dairying, etc, he may be able to hold his own in a country where high handed competition is the order of the day, otherwise (unless he develops much more satisfactorly along other industrial or professional lines) he must be content to be pushed closer and closer to the wall.

The third annual Farmers' convention held in connection with Lincoln Institue will convene on the first Friday in November and all interested in the progress of the race from agricultural and other important points of view are invited to be present and take active part in the discussions, etc

The thirty-ninth annual session of Lincoln Institute has opened most auspiciously with more students than ever before in the history of the school. In the student body are representatives from many Missouri counties and from various states of the Union. The new courses of study and the unit system of credits are receiving a very satisfactory test. Mrs. Koontz of Denver; Miss Lizzie Bell, of St. Joseph; Prof. Wise, of Kansas City; Rev. C. T Reed, of Bunceton; and Mr. Edward Johnson, of Great Bend, Kan., were recent visitors.

President Allen's dinner, complimentary to Mrs. Jones of Memphis, was a grand affair.

The members of the conference of the A. M E Zion Church, recently in session in Jefferson City, visited the school in a body and expressed themselves as exceedingly well pleased with all they saw. In response to invitation President Allen and several members of the faculty addressed the conference.

The foot ball season is on and the boys are getting in shape.

The Education of the World.

It is possible in the great building devoted to education at St. Louis to form a pretty fair idea of the intelligence of the country by examining the various exhibits. We find those Southern States which have least understood that education must be the foundation of all advance, both material and otherwise, have no exhibits at all. In others the exhibit is very meager, the legislature having appropriated so little that, in some cases, it was necessary for private individuals, actuated by State pride, to furnish the necessary material. It is when you come to the great States of Massachusetts and New York that you can recognize both how much is being done for education and what effect that education is having on the people.

I was fortunate enough to be accompanied by Dr. Howard J. Rogers, under whose care this great exhibit has been worked out. By chance we sat down in front of a tabulated statement in the New York exhibit. It showed that in 1850 the appropriation for common schools in New York State was $1,607,684 In 1904 it is over $41,000,000. This would seem to be a satisfactory ratio, when you reach the last line of the table the mind is appalled before the insignificant total for the whole United States, which is only $235 000 000 against an army expenditure of more than $400,000 000 at the present time

Another table is almost equally interesting. It is the per capita expenditure for common schools. In Alabama they spend fifty-eight cents for each person. In Arkansas they spend $1 18 In Colorado, to which State the Australian Commissioners who went through the schools of the United States some years ago awarded the palm for having the finest schools in the world, the per capita expenditure is $7 60

This is the maximum for any State. It is the maximum because Colorado is composed of an enterprising people of a high order of intelligence, who brought to the organization of the commonwealth the best thought of nearly every State of the Union, and the people recognize that, above all things, education is the most essential aid to its prosperity.

New York comes second with $5 70. Again the eye rests on some of the Southern States. Louisiana, horribly, only 89 cents; Tennessee, 91 cents; North Carolina, 68 cents; Georgia, 98 cents, and Kentucky only $1 33 If the visitors from these States wonder why their lands are not valuable, their industries developing slowly and immigration not seeking their beautiful valleys, they may find the answer in these statistics Let them bring up their annual expenditure to that of Colorado, and every financial problem will be solved. Let them continue to expend from fifty-eight to eighty-nine cents per capita, and the Negro problem will become so violent that there will not be wisdom enough in this country to solve it

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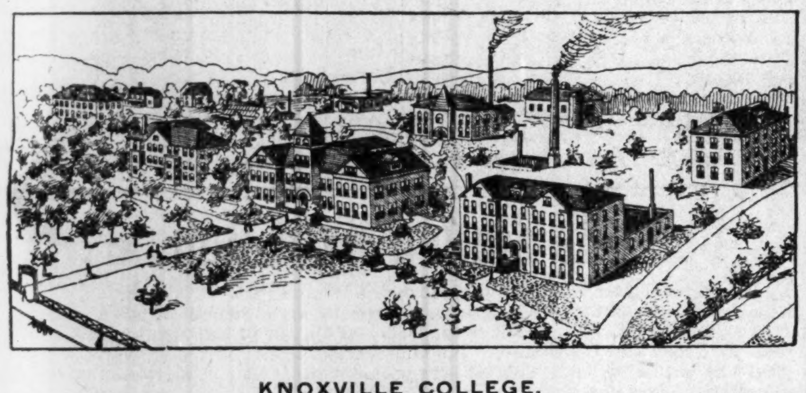

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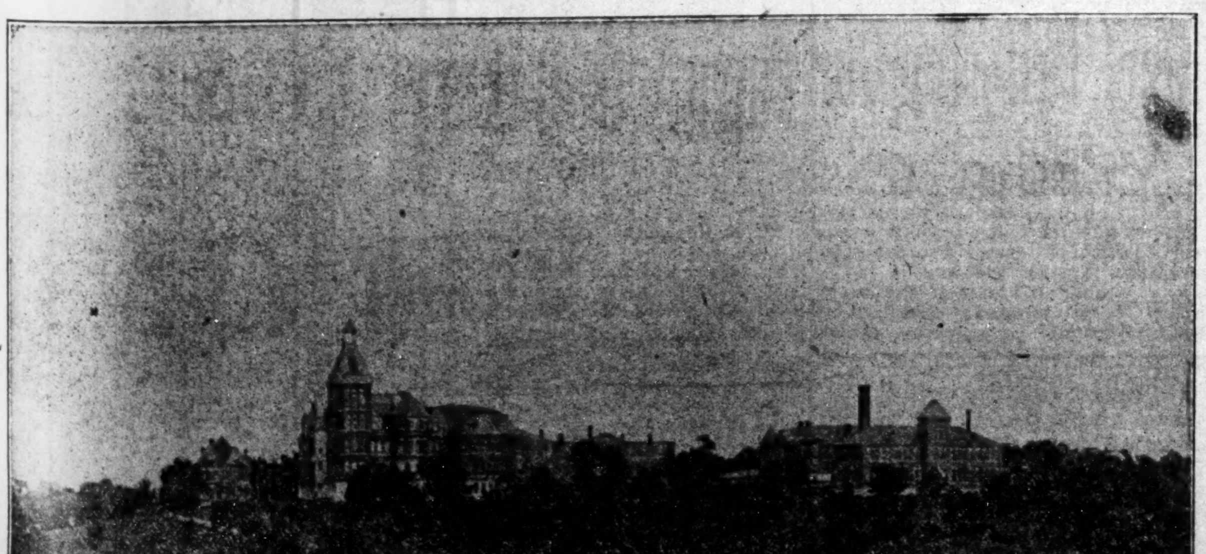

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The Freeman will beon sale at Jim Jewel's Pool room and Cigar store, 105 S. 14th, street, Omaha, Neb.

POLITICS IN ARKANSAS.

The Hon J. E. Bush Furnishes Statement of the Vote Cast at the Election Last Month.

In view of the fact that a great deal has been said in the Democratic press about President Roosevelt's unpopularity in the South, I enclose you herewith a statement of the vote cast at the election held last month, and of the votes cast in 1902, and a list of qualified electors represented by races. All these figures are taken from the official records. The only registration in this State is the list of poll tax payers, as no one is entitled to vote unless he has paid his poll tax, and a list of them is furnished to the election judges, as the registration list of qualified voters. The law requires that these lists show the race of the voter, so that at a glance it is known whether the voter is white or black, and the number of voters of each race in every county.

That the administration of President Roosevelt has met the approval of the majority of the white voters of the State of Arkansas will be seen at a glance on the enclosed lists, as the Republican candidate made all his heavy gains in the counties where there are practically no Negroes, or but very few, while the heaviest Democratic majorities came from the large Negro counties, where the Republicans were denied all representation among the judges and clerks of election. Among the Republican gains you will notice the following:

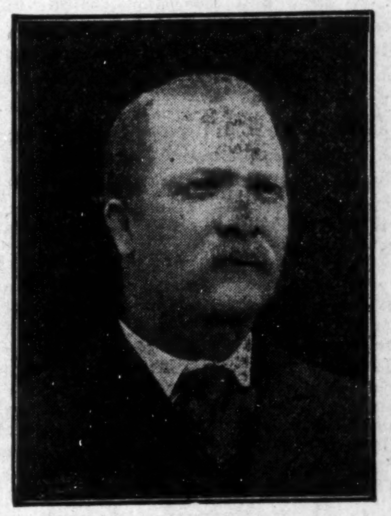
County.		Negro vote gain in the county.
Baxter	255	1
Benton	1520	12
Boone	535	3
Carroll	379	2
Clay	372	2
Cleburne	147	none
Franklin	492	70
Independence	801	167
Izard	252	45
Lawrence	408	197
Madison	418	12
Marion	116	2
Montgomery	183	53
Newton	255	1
Polk	252	14
Randolph	934	61
Searcy	223	2
Sharp	294	20
Stone	2 4	14
Van Buren	147	38
Washington	863	63

On the other hand the heavy Democratic majorities were all returned from the Negro counties, which are made to appear as having voted almost unanimously for Governor Davis.

Counties.	Davis Majority.
Jefferson	1330
Lee	899
Lincoln	600
Lenoke	1364
Phillips	1415
St Francis	682
Woodruff	1134
Monroe	797
Chicot	655

POLL TAX PAID.

Counties.	White.	Black.
Jefferson	2554	5397
Lee	1395	2267
Lincoln	939	1430
Lenoke	2057	1780
Phillips	1369	3135
St. Francis	1372	1717
Woodruff	1086	1308
Monroe	1475	1351
Chicot	520	1950



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Painsett county returns a majority of nearly 1000 for Davis, but shows that there were 92 more votes cast than there were names on the registration list; 1462 persons had paid their poll tax in that county, and the returns gave Davis 1261 votes and Myers (Republican) 293; total 1554 votes returned.

There can be no doubt but for the fraudulent returns, which indicate that almost the entire Negro vote was counted for Davis, the Republicans would have carried the State, and unless the same tactics are repeated, which no doubt they will be, President Roosevelt will carry Arkansas in November.

This state of things clearly shows the necessity for the enactment of either State or National laws that will guarantee not only an honest vote, but an honest count as well. The cry of Negro domination, social equality, etc., has long been used by politicians to keep the Democratic voters in line; but, thank God, at this election it was of little avail. Like all other humbugs, it is on the wane. We also have other troubles in the party ranks—men high up in the councils of the party, some at its very head, some that were elected as delegates to the National Convention that nominated President Roosevelt; some of those men had scarcely arrived home from the convention before they were out in interviews repudiating the suffrage plank of the very convention to which they were delegates, and had not only assisted in making the nomination of Roosevelt and Fairbanks, but had also assisted in making and framing the very platform they repudiated.

This was done, of course, because of business relations, and as they think in a hopeless minority. But, to say the least, this is not the kind of men that will build up a party, either North or South. President Roosevelt is a great favorite with the rank and file of the Republicans and a great many Democrats of Arkansas, and with a free ballot and a fair count we would in November astonish the oldest natives.

J. E. BUSH.

BUILDING UP THE RACE.

Individuality the Lever—All Under Obligations.

There are a score of distinct forces which are active in the uplift of the race and yet fail to recognize each other. How many politicians have stopped to think of the many friends which have been made for the race by Taylor, the cyclist; by the successful base ball clubs or pugilists; how many teachers have given any thought to the number of families that are able to live well and send their children to school because such men as Miles, of Milwaukee, and scores of others hold fast the openings for colored waiters, etc?

The view taken of the question of race progress is usually altogether too special and too narrow. The church has a tendency to guage everything by the evidences of moral and religious advancement, others look almost exclusively at the material acquisitions and achievements, others lay sole stress upon "honorable mentions" and "honors conferred" But the great fact is that the progress of the race is to be measured by the very broadest standard The great end sought as the solution of the race problem is that the people now set apart by prejudice on the one hand and clan-like preferences on the other shall become differentiated as a mass and be resolved into individuals who will be blended with the citizens of the country as one of them in every sense of the word. When an individual citizen who happens to be of Negro descent finds that accident no hindrance to the enjoyment of his life, liberty or pursuit of happiness and when the nation at large finds in such conditions no serious evil what will there be left of any race problem?

There are already hundreds of thousands of colored citizens who are just the same as the average of white citizens in thought, ideas, tastes, feelings, motives and habits of life, and who are as much unlike the mass of the colored people as are the average white people, but unlike the white people these progressive colored people find that the prejudice which exists against the Negro as a race includes them in many important particulars and places many barriers and restrictions in the way of their full enjoyment of all that is their right as citizens.

There never yet has been a single individual who could be classed as of Negro descent who has become great enough, noble enough, rich enough, or who has received public honors enough to bring it about that he could escape just about the same treatment as is accorded other colored persons whenever he was not exempted because of the knowledge of his individuality. This shows that the most refined and progressive of the race are under obligation to take part in the uplift of the entire race and in the obliteration of race prejudice. This is a comforting fact to all who sincerely regard the best interests of the entire race but it may be disagreeable to such progressive colored people as would be willing if they could to cut entirely loose from the race and disappear among the white people. Conditions force the best to help uplift the rest. Time is not far distant when the very best persons of the race will be earnest workers with us all for the uplift of the mass.

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Miss Beaulah Willis is ill at her home in California street.

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Miss E M. McGhee entertained the East End Club last week.

Charles Cottrell, of Toledo, O., was among the visitors this week.

Mrs. Katie Bartlett, of Chicago is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Verna Parks is slowly improving at her home in Twelfth street.

Miss Patsy Fermon has gone to Terre Haute to attend the State Normal.

Mrs. Kate Bazel has returned home after a lengthy sojourn in Chicago.

Miss Grace Barbee has secured a position with Dr. Mote, the Dentist.

Mr. Frank Finney left Sunday for St. Louis, Mo., for an indefinite stay.

Mr. Oscar Wilson and Miss Mattie Evans were quietly married last week.

Mrs. Eliza Turner has returned home after a visit of three weeks in Madison, Ind.

Mr. Allen T. Kerr, of Denver, Col., is the guest of Miss Jessie Williams this week.

J. D. Howard was in Terre Haute, Ind., this week in the interest of The Freeman.

Mr. Charles Webb is mending slowly from the accident which he met with a few weeks ago.

Geo. W. Chivis was in the city Wednesday, enroute to Peoria, Ill., to deliver a political address.

Mr. Chaplin Carter has returned to the city, after quite a lengthy stay in Michigan and other points.

Miss Mayme Roberts returned home last week, after spending a few weeks with her sister in Chicago.

Mrs. E. M. McGhee has moved from North Indianapolis to 906 E Washington street in the Oakland Flat.

Hon. Chris J. Perry, Editor of the Philadelphia, Pa, Tribune and wife were among the visitors this week.

Mrs Mamie Adams Paul and husband of Grand Rapids, Mich., have come to Indianapolis for permanent residence.

Don't make any engagements for the 25th of October for invitations will be issued for the Arcadian Club dance.

Rev A. J. Chambers the evangelist, accompanied by his wife were in the city last week enroute to Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Tina Weatherby with Nashville Students passed through the city enroute to Chicago, for a two weeks rehearsal.

E. B. Hampton, general manager of the Indianapolis Mutual Benefit Association was in Centralia, Ill., this week on business.

Miss Lula Goins, of Seymore, Ind., who spent a few weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Bennett in North street, is visiting friends in Shelbyville, Ind.

Rev. Williams will preach Sunday morning at 11 a. m., at Ninth Presbyterian Church; Sunday School at 2:30; Chrisrian Edeavor at 8 p. m.

Mr. Sydney Kirkpatrich passed through the city Monday, enroute to Chicago, where he will join the Nashville students, for the winter season.

Jeff Dixon for twenty-five years an employe of the Big Four Railroad Co died Tuesday, after a lingering illness. He was a member of the Odd Fellows

Mrs. Nellie J. Hunter, after a pleasant stay of several weeks, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Etias Spaulding, Frankfort, Ky., returned home last Friday.

Miss Margaret Price, in Ellsworth street has been quite ill, but is better. As soon as she is able she will resume her studies at the State Normal in Terre Haute.

The marriage of Mr. Joseph Jesup, of Joliet, Ill., to Mrs. M. J. Muse, of Bloomington, Neb., is announced to take place at the home of prospective bride October 11th.

A meeting in the interest of Geo. L. Knox's candidacy for congress will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock, at Chas. Parkers Tailoring establishment, 150 N. Illinois street.

The Arcadian Club requests the presence of their friends to attend a social given at the residence of Mrs. Robert Parker, 527 Indiana avenue, Monday evening, December 10.

R. G. Samuels, of Washington, Ark., Henry Harding, of Lake Village, Ark. and K. C. Lacey, of Biscone, Ark., were delegates to National Republican Leagues meeting this week.

On last Wednesday evening the King's Messengers of Bethel Church entertained for Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsend at their home in Vermont street. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend received many beautiful presents.

A farewell reception was tendered Rev. J. M. Townsend, the beloved pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, Wednesday evening. Rev. Townsend has now gone to Chicago to pastor the Institutional church. He preached his farewell sermon Thursday evening.

Silas Wolfolk, porter at John D. Brosnans Exclusive Cloak and Suit House has been promoted to Stock and Salesman. He would like to have the patronage of his many friends. He is the only colored salesman in the city connected with an exclusive cloak and suit house.

Rev. N. W. Wame, of Peora, Ill., C. L. Wilson, of Kansas City, Mo., S. P. Screeggs, of Wynne, Ark., H. M. Clay, of St. Louis, Mo., E. E. Elliott, of Hope, Ark., H. R Edwards, of Kansas City, Mo., and Edward Preston, of Summit, Miss., passed through the city Monday, enroute to the B. M. C. 12th annual meeting which met in Columbus Ohio. this week.

Mrs. Lottie E Wilson of Washington D. C, has opened her art studio at 713 Fayette street, for the winter. Mrs. Wilson is an artist of established reputation all over the country, and we trust the art-loving people will take advantage of her stay in our city. While her specialty is portrait and figure painting, she also posesses rare ability as a teacher of pastel, oil, china, painting, free hand drawing and flower and landscape painting. What enables her to prepare students for a regular academic course She is also a fine miniature painter working on both ivory and porcelain Those wishing lessons or work on any line of art, would do well to call on her. The general public is invited.

Mr. J. E. Moorland, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., came to the city last Friday, to arrange with the board of directors of the local association for the appointment of a new General Secretary. A well attended mass meeting for men at the Nineth Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon was addressed by Mr. Moorland. There were many expressions of determination to keep up the standing of the work which is in a more prosperous condition than ever. Mr. Moorland delivered an excellent discourse Sunday morning at Bethel A. M. E. church. He left the city Tuesday afternoon, and in the near future a new secretary will be appointed. Meanwhile the work will continue as before. The meeting to-morrow will be at the association parlors 316½ Indiana Ave. A good speaker will address the men.

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VISITORS ENTERTAINED.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams, of 727 Torbet street, entertained a number of young people last Friday evening in honor of Mrs. C. C. Rushing, of Beechwood, Ill., Miss Sadie Boyd, of Michigan, and Miss Lulu Goens, of Seymour, Ind. Whist was indulged in until a late hour, afterwhich refreshments were served. Misses Florence Howard Louise Ellington assisted Mrs. Williams in receiving the guests.

KNOX CLUB ORGANIZED.

The Knox Club was organized Tuesday night, with a membership of sixty. Capt. Patterson was elected president Chas. Stern, vice-president and Frank Whitney, Secretary. The meeting was held at 428 Missouri street. Addresses were made by Geo. L. Knox and other clubs are being organized in different parts of the city.

JOLIET BRIEFS.

Joliet, Ill., Special.—Miss Etta Moore and Alex. Moxley were married recently.—In the presence of a large number of friends and relatives the marriage of Miss Amelia Gregory and James Junius was solemized last week at the home of the bride's parents, 413 North Eastern avenue. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by James Gregory, a brother of the bride, and the bridal procession was led by little flower girls, Baby Chambers and Vera Dorothy. Both wore white silk and carried American Beauty roses. The bride wore white silk, trimmed in white lace and pearls and with her veil she wore a wreath of orange blossoms and ferns. She carried white roses. Miss Evelyn Smith was the bridesmaid. She was dressed in white silk and carried lillies of the vally. The groom was attended by Nathaniel Gregory, a brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. Johnson of the Second Baptist Church. After the cermony Mr. and Mrs. Junius left for Streator where they will make their home.—Mrs. E. C. Dishman accompanied Mrs. A. Coles to her home in Morris.—Rev. J. H. Fisher was removed to Alton and Rev. Thompson has taken his place.—Miss Minnie Stevenson has gone to Buffalo, N. Y.—J. Carter and Mrs. Mitchell were married last Thursday.—Mrs. Ragland and grand daughter arrived home last Tuesday after a visit to Mrs. Ragland's daughter in Pennsylvia.

EDITORIAL SHORT TALKS.

Both Russia and Japan have too much at stake to prosecute the war to a final settlement by arms. Japan is fighting for her integral existence, and it is reasonable that she will fight to the last man. Russia has her reputation at stake which is too much to give up at the behest of the Islanders, and which is also reasonable to think she will not do. Thus looking at the matter from geographical and historical standpoints the war will go on to the utter humiliation of one or the other. It is a good time to intercede for the cessation, Russia holds Port Arthur the struggle for which is unparalleled in history. The Japs otherwise have beaten the Russians in the field, scattered her fleets, dismantled her forts and without doubt have inflicted the greater material injury. But the Japs have paid the cost in lives. So it appears that honors are even. But they will not long continue so. Its a good time to "ring off."

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